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Incorporating REVIEW OF INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING
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WORLD OF RADIO 1932 contents: Australia, Bougainville, Canada, China and non, Cuba, Denmark, Germany, Greece, Guinea, India, Indonesia, Iran, Israel, Korea South, Mongolia, New Zealand, Nigeria, North America, Norway, Papua New Guinea, Per˙, Philippines, Sikkim, Sudan South non, Thailand, Uganda non, USA; and the propagation outlook

SHORTWAVE AIRINGS of WORLD OF RADIO 1932, May 29-June 5, 2018

Note: the WBCQ 9330v broadcast at 2330 UT almost daily was last confirmed May 11. Except May 27, like May 10, WOR audio was running simultaneously with Brother Scare!

Tue 2030	WRMI	5950 7780 [1931 reaired]
Tue 2130	WRMI	5950 7780 [barely confirmed]
Wed 1030	WRMI	5950
Wed 2100	WRMI	9955 [confirmed]
Wed 2100	WBCQ	7490v [confirmed]
Sat 0630	HLR	6190-CUSB Hamburger Lokalradio
Sat 1431	HLR	6190-CUSB Hamburger Lokalradio
Sat 1930v	WA0RCR	1860-AM
Sat 2300	WRMI	7780
Sun 0200	WRMI	7780
Sun 0310v	WA0RCR	1860-AM
Sun 1030	HLR	9485-CUSB Hamburger Lokalradio
Sun 1900	WRMI	9395
Mon 0130	WRMI	5850, 7780
Mon 0300v	WBCQ	5130v-AM Area 51
Mon 0330	WRMI	9955

Mon 0400 WRMI webcast only
Tue 0030 WRMI 7730
Tue 2030 WRMI 5950, 7780 [or #1933?]

Latest edition of this schedule version, including AM, FM, satellite
and webcasts with hotlinks to station sites and audio, is at:
http://www.worldofradio.com/radioskd.html or
http://schedule.worldofradio.org or http://sked.worldofradio.org

For updates see our Anomaly Alert page:
http://www.worldofradio.com/anomaly.html

WORLD OF RADIO PODCASTS:
Tnx to Dr Harald Gabler and the Rhein-Main Radio Club.
http://www.rmrc.de/index.php/rmrc-audio-plattform/podcast/glenn-hauser-wor

ALTERNATIVE PODCASTS, tnx Stephen Cooper:
http://shortwave.am/wor.xml

ANOTHER PODCAST ALTERNATIVE, tnx to Keith Weston:
http://feeds.feedburner.com/GlennHausersWorldOfRadio

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https://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/glenn-hausers-world-of-radio/id1123369861

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http://www.worldofradio.com/audiomid.html
or http://wor.worldofradio.org

DAY-BY-DAY ARCHIVE OF GLENN HAUSER`S LOG REPORTS:
Unedited, uncondensed, unchanged from original version, many of
them too complex, minutely researched, multi-frequency, opinionated,
inconsequential, off-topic, or lengthy for some log editors to
manage; and also ahead of their availability in these weekly issues:
http://www.hard-core-dx.com/index.php?topic=Hauser

IMPORTANT NOTICE!!!! WOR IO GROUP: Effective Feb 4, 2018, DXLD yg
archive and members have been migrated to this group:
https://groups.io/g/WOR
[there was already an unrelated group at io named dxld!, so new name]
From now on, the io group is primary, where all posts should go. One
may apply for membership, subscribe via the above site.

DXLD yahoogroup: remains in existence, and members are free to COPY
same info to it, as backup, but no posts should go to it only. They

may want to change delivery settings to no e-mail, and/or no digest. The change was necessary due to increasing outages, long delays in posts appearing, and search failures at the yg.

Why wait for DXLD issues? A lot more info, not all of it appearing in DXLD later, is posted at our io group without delay.

** AFGHANISTAN. Weak to fair signal of Radio Afghanistan External Service on May 28
1538 & 1605 6100 YAK 100 kW / 125 deg to SoAs English/Urdu & off air at 1618 UT:
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/05/weak-to-fair-signal-of-radio.html
(Ivo IvanÛv, SWLDXBulgaria News, May 28-29, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ALASKA. 7355, KNLS at 1203 with pop song, 1206 ID and ìHealth & Lifeî feature. - Very good, May 25, nothing on also listed 6075 (Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia. Listening in my car, parked on a quiet country road. CommRadio CR-1a and Sony AN-1 antenna on car roof, WOR iog via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ALGERIA [non]. FRANCE, Reception of TDA TÈlÈdiffusion d'AlgÈrie via TDF Issoudun, May 23
0500-0559 on 7295 ISS 500 kW / 194 deg to NWAf Arabic Holy Quran px*
0500-0559 on 9535 ISS 500 kW / 162 deg to CEAf Arabic Holy Quran px*
0600-0659 on 9620 ISS 500 kW / 194 deg to NWAf Arabic Holy Quran px
*0504-0514 news in French
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/05/reception-of-tda-telediffusion-dalgerie_23.html
(Ivo IvanÛv, SWLDXBulgaria News, May 22-24, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ARGENTINA. R. Nacional Rio Grande/English news service to the Falkland Islands still on? - On 3 July 2013, LRA 24 R. Nacional Rio Grande started an English news service to the Falkland Islands/Islas Malvinas. It was broadcast at 0300 h UT on 640 kHz (5 kW). Having noted the upcoming anniversary, I checked
http://vmf.edge-apps.net/embed/live.php?streamname=sc_rad24-100131&autoplay=true
but was unable to hear the English news programme. Unfortunately
http://www.radionacional.com.ar/grilla/
does not have a programme schedule for LRA 24. So, it is up to listeners in South America to check, whether/when the programme is still on the air or confirm that it is no longer broadcast (Dr Hansjoerg Biener, 25 May 2018, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA [non-log]. 4835, Ozy Radio, 1220+, on May 28. No trace of any carrier, so no Ozy. Also no AIR Gangtok, which had been heard recently with serious transmitter problems (strong hum) (Ron Howard, Ocean Beach [San Francisco], CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, WOR iog via WORLD OF RADIO 1932, DXLD)

Ozzy Radio on tonight here in South Australia, 0745 UT (Fred Vos, May 29, WOR iog via WORLD OF RADIO 1932, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA. 5055, 4KZ, 1048-1134, May 26. Mostly pop songs (Michael McDonald - "What a Fool Believes," Spandau Ballet - "True," etc.); commercial announcements; 1100-1106 with news, ad, sea conditions (wind direction & speed, etc.) and "on AM, FM and shortwave"; very decent signal strength, but up against heavy QRN (static); without QRN would have been fairly readable (Ron Howard, Ocean Beach [San Francisco], CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, WOR iog via WORLD OF RADIO 1932, DXLD)

** AUSTRALIA. 9685, Reach Beyond Australia at 1208 with program ìChristianity Worksî. I had read that they were moving to 9690, but that obviously hasnít happened. At 1227, following an ID, the announcer said the frequency would be changed to 9670 as of May 26. - Poor through splatter, good when USB used, May 25 (Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia. Listening in my car, parked on a quiet country road. CommRadio CR-1a and Sony AN-1 antenna on car roof, WOR iog via WORLD OF RADIO 1932, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[and non]. 15400, May 25 at 2345, JBA S1 talk in unID language, almost the OSOB except for 15570 Chinese = Jamming or RFA Saipan; and 15610 WEWNglish. For 15400, Aoki/NDXC shows:

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15400 2345-0015 AUS Reach Beyond Australia ( Bur Kununurra   12357
15400 2345-2400 AUS Reach Beyond Australia ( Bur Kununurra   46
15400 0000-0015 AUS Reach Beyond Australia ( Eng Kununurra   46
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This is self-contradictory, as the missing Burmese days 4 and 6 in the first entry, ending earlier at 2400 on days 4 and 6, should become days 5 and 7 for the English segment across the 0000 UT transition in the third entry! But the first entry is ambiguous; do the day numbers refer to the start time or end time? Cannot be both.

More evidence that Au/As stations cannot be relied upon to report the correct UT days for their broadcasts matching the UT times.

Or, who knows, 4 and 6 could be correct after 0000, and 12357 wrong as local days before 2400 instead of 12467, i.e. previous days by UT, in which case the middle entry should be 3 and 5.

After figuring that out, I check how EiBi has this parsed differently:

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15400 2345-2400 [daily] AUS Reach Beyond Australia   BR  MYA ku
15400 0000-0015 12467   AUS Reach Beyond Australia   BR  MYA ku
15400 0000-0015 We,Fr   AUS Reach Beyond Australia   E   MYA ku
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mixing numbers with letters, or blanx if daily.

For Aoki, day 1 = Sunday, but for EiBi, day 1 = Monday. So for the Burmese segment at 0000-0015, Aoki has it on Sun-Mon-Tue-Thu-Sat. EiBi has it on Mon-Tue-Thu-Sat-Sun, i.e. the same! Likewise, they both agree that the days for English at 0000-0015 are Wed & Fri.

But again, that implies that the shorter Burmese broadcasts ending at 2400 must not be on UT Wed and Fri, but on UT Tue & Thu, contrary to Aoki. Yes, it`s confusing, but you have to be explicit and consistent! (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Frequency changes of Reach Beyond Australia from May 26
1230-1245 NF 9670 KNX 100 kW / 335 deg SEAs English Mo-Sa, ex 9685
1245-1300 NF 9690 KNX 100 kW / 335 deg SoAs English Daily, ex 9685
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/05/frequency-changes-of-reach-beyond.html
(Ivo IvanÛv, SWLDXBulgaria News, May 26-27, WORLD OF RADIO 1932, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Frequency changes of Reach Beyond Australia RBA from May 26
1115-1245 NF 9670 KNX 100 kW / 335 deg SEAs Various Daily, ex 9685
1245-1300 NF 9690 KNX 100 kW / 335 deg SoAs English Daily, ex 9685
Full updated A-18 schedule of Reach Beyond Australia found here.
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/04/reach-beyond-australia-and-hcjb-voice.html
-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, May 26, WORLD OF RADIO 1932, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BANGLADESH. 4750, Bangladesh Betar - HS. On Monday (May 28), checked 1235-1242 for the once-a-week SAARC news bulletin, but as normally happens during Ramadan, was preempted; usual CNR1 QRM (Ron Howard, Ocean Beach [San Francisco], CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, WOR iog via DXLD)

** BHUTAN. 6035, BBS, on May 23, with another extended broadcast; 1237 till off about 1300; announcers in vernacular; mixing the whole time with relay of FM99, via PBS Yunnan, in Chinese. Nice to find BBS does occasionally run well past 1200, but certainly not on a daily basis (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, WOR iog via DXLD)

** BOUGAINVILLE. 3325, NBC Bougainville, 1117-1156*, on May 24. DJ in Pidgin playing pop songs (Chicago - "Hard To Say I'm Sorry," etc.); some RRI Palangkaraya QRM.

On May 26, from 1141+, NBC off the air, with only RRI present.

3325, NBC Bougainville, 1109-1119*, May 27. Usual Sunday religious programs of mostly music; 1117 "NBC Bougainville" ID. Early cut off.

On May 28, from 1042 till cut off at 1126*; series of interviews, one in Pidgin and one in English ("local departments," "co-funding," "applications for," "people of Bougainville," etc.); some RRI QRM, as well as QRN (static). Again earlier than normal closing down (usually closer to 1200*) (Ron Howard, Ocean Beach [San Francisco], CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, WOR iog via WORLD OF RADIO 1932, DXLD) see also PAPUA NEW GUINEA

** BRAZIL. ENCONTRO DX MANT…M PAIX√O PELO R¡DIO H¡ 30 ANOS NA RA --- Por Beatriz Nery Em NotÌcias 22 MAI 2018 - 10H53 Atualizada em 22 MAI 2018 - 15H57

http://www.a12.com/radio/noticias/encontro-dx-mantem-paixao-pelo-radio-ha-30-anos-na-ra

Cassiano Macedo com dexista ouvinte da R·dio Aparecida [caption]

Um dos apresentadores do Encontro DX, Cassiano Macedo, esteve em Lisboa, Portugal, para evento voltado ao dexismo e encontrou um ouvinte da R·dio Aparecida na Espanha, o dexista Juan Franco Crespo.

O apresentador entregou o Cart„o QSL ao dexista, uma espÈcie de trofÈu por ter conseguido sintonizar a R·dio Aparecida de t„o longe e comemorou o encontro, ìo dexismo È um hobby que une as pessoas, elas se tornam unidas pelas ondas do r·dioî.

Ser dexista e ter amor pelo R·dio

A descoberta do r·dio para muitos hoje dexistas foi por meio da curiosidade. Observar as ondas curtas ou short waves (SW) e se deparar com r·dios do outro lado do oceano era a brincadeira de muitos meninos na dÈcada de 60. ìEu ouvi pela r·dio os programas espaciais americanos. Pela Voz AmÈrica, emissora oficial do governo americano, pelas ondas curtas, acompanhei o lanÁamento da Apolo 11 em 1969. Era a curiosidade e a fascinaÁ„o de poder ouvir uma r·dio local e uma r·dio estrangeira no mesmo aparelhoî, relembra J. Moura.

Este hobbie est· cada vez mais escasso pela interferÍncia eletromagnÈtica que deixam o alcance ‡s ondas curtas mais difÌcil, com isso, È mais emocionante ao dexista sintonizar r·dios cada vez mais distantes e conseguir, assim, o cart„o QSL de sintonia.

Encontro DX

H· mais de 30 anos, o Encontro DX È o mais antigo programa voltado ‡ paix„o pelo r·dio em portuguÍs, È apresentado aos s·bados ‡s 19h por Cassiano Macedo e J. Moura na R·dio Aparecida. Dexistas h· mais de 50 anos apesar de falarem para um tema segmentado alcanÁam p˙blico

variado, inclusive de n„o dexistas. No programa È possÌvel se informar com notÌcias recentes sobre o r·dio no mundo, alÈm de resenhas sobre livros voltados ao assunto e muito mais (via Juan Franco Crespo, Spain, DXLD)

R·dio Aparecida - received full data QSL and decal from R·dio Aparecida for a 24 Oct 2017 reception on 9630 in 6 months, 22 days. Reception was from a KiwiSDR in Bay of Islands NZ. Signer was Cassiano Macedo whose e-mail is cassianomac@yahoo.com.br (Bruce Churchill, CA, May 26, WOR iog via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. 11934.88, May 28 at 0236, JBA music, presumed R·dio Evangelizar, Curitiba, as always off-frequency-minus. In mid-April, Carlos GonÁalves, Portugal had it on 11934.9. I had not noticed it lately, maybe not always on? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BULGARIA [and non]. A18 Broadcasts in Bulgarian on SW & MW. On SW:
 Time UT kHz
0400-0430 5975 Adventist World Radio, Germany
1100-1125 7210 Voice of Turkey
1100-1156 7220 China Radio International
1600-1630 9830 Adventist World Radio, Germany
1830-1856 6020, 7265, 9695 China Radio International
2030-2056 9720, 11940 China Radio International
(occasionally Radio Friendship Greece 10 minute news in range 6-9 h on 9420/9935).

On MW:
0000-2400 daily, 576 BULGARIA, Horizont
1100-1130 Wed, 873, 1188, 1350, HUNGARY, MR4
1600-1700 Sun, 630, ROMANIA, Timishoara (in Banat/Pavlikian Bulgarian)
1715-1755 Fri, 873, 1494 MOLDOVA, Radio Moldova Actualitatsi
1800-1830 daily, 1548 MOLDOVA Trans World Radio
1800-1830 Mon-Fri, 810 MACEDONIA, Macedonian Radio (often reported on harmonic 2430 kHz) 24 May 2018 (Compiled by Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria, RusDX 27 May via DXLD)

** CANADA. (Ontario) - The CRTC extended the licence of Bayshore Broadcasting Corporation for 560 CFOS Owen Sound, http://www.560cfos.ca/ stream http://bayshore.leanplayer.com/CFOSAM

- ÑThe Commission renews the broadcasting licence for the English-language commercial AM radio station CFOS Owen Sound, Ontario, from 1 September 2018 to 31 August 2025. The Commission did not receive any interventions in connection with this application.ì (Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2018-181
https://crtc.gc.ca/eng/archive/2018/2018-181.htm
23 May 2018)

- Ñ560 CFOS is the region's heritage AM station playing the oldies you want along with award-winning local news, weather, sports and talk shows. CFOS began broadcasting on March 1st, 1940. CFOS broadcasts at 560 kHz on the AM dial from Bayshore's downtown Owen Sound studios.ì
http://www.560cfos.ca/page.php?page=about
(via Dr Hansjoerg Biener, 29 May 2018, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. EDMONTONíS #1 NEWS IS NOW ON AIR 24/7 WITH LAUNCH OF GLOBAL NEWS RADIO 880 EDMONTON By Kirby Bourne Digital Content Coordinator iNews880
[BTW, FYI, Kirby is a (very) female person:
https://globalnews.ca/author/kirby-bourne/
--- gh]

May 29, 2018 5:00 pm Updated: May 29, 2018 9:10 pm
https://globalnews.ca/news/4236719/global-news-radio-880-edmonton-launch/
73 (via Steve Whitt, UK, May 30, MWCircle yg via DXLD) viz.:

Corus Radio announced the launch of Global News Radio 880 Edmonton on Tuesday as it officially hit the airwaves.

Combining the strengths of the Global Edmonton newsroom with the Corus radio newsroom, the goal of 880 Edmonton is to be a 24/7 source for local, national and international news in a quick format.

ìAs our listenersí habits change, our radio station needs to change as well,î said Corus Edmonton Radio program director Syd Smith. ìGlobal News Radio allows us to expand our ability to provide our listeners with the news coverage theyíve come to expect from Corus.î

LISTEN BELOW: Introducing Global News Radio 880 Edmonton

With a format that features traffic, weather, local, national and international news, as well as business and sports updates, listeners will be able to tune in for 15 minutes and be caught up on the major headlines of the day.

ìOur listeners lead busy lives and our radio station needs to reflect that,î Smith said.

ìThe new format allows them to tune in when itís convenient for them, invest as little or as much time as they have, and come away informed on the dayís top stories.î

Familiar Corus radio anchors like Brenton Driedger and Morgan Smith will head up the team as the morning anchors from 5:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. The radio team will now be joined by trusted Global Edmonton anchors

Shaye Ganam and Jennifer Crosby from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. From 1 p.m. to 6 p.m., Kevin Robertson and Kerry McAthey will take over the news coverage.

Watch below: The News Hour team is all taking part in the exciting, historic Global News Radio 880 Edmonton launch.

Corus reporter Scott Johnston will team up with Global Edmonton reporters like Fletcher Kent, Vinesh Pratap and Kendra Slugoski to expand on the up-to-the-minute updates both teams already create from the field.

Kevin Robertson and Kerry McAthey anchor the brand new Global News Radio 880 Edmonton.

Global News Hour at 6 will now be heard on the radio as well as Gord Steinke, Carole Anne Devaney and Jesse Beyer deliver a full hour of news to those looking for a full recap of the day.

ìGlobal Edmonton is the No. 1 destination for news in Edmonton,î said Corus Edmonton station manager Jim Haskins. ìThis change allows us to expand on the excellence that both Global Edmonton and Corus radio produce on a daily basis.î

Enter to win

To celebrate the launch of 880 Edmonton, we gave our listeners the chance to win a taste of luxury. By listening to 880 Edmonton between 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Tuesday, listeners had a chance to hear the code word. The winner will be announced on Wednesday morning with Brenton Driedger and Morgan Smith.

Watch below: To celebrate the launch of Global News Radio 880 Edmonton, weíre giving our listeners the chance to win a taste of luxury. Jesse Beyer has all the details about the Edmonton Performance Rentals prize.

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NRC AM Log, deadline last August, had 880 Edmonton CHQT 50/50 kW U2, already as: NWS - Cor/GBL - NSP - ``i-News 880`` -$tereo. So what has changed? Sibling station CHED 630 is also news format, and it`s not clear why two, what`s the difference (gh, DXLD)

** CANADA. CANADIAN RADIO NEWS --- Some updates from Jon Pearkins:

There has been a major change in All Night programming on many Canadian AM stations over the last year. ìCoast to Coastî

http://coasttocoastam.com
has moved, almost exclusively, to Bell-owned stations. To fill the gap on Corus stations and smaller stations that previously carried Corus-syndicated programming, ìThe Shift with Drexî runs live beginning at 0100 (EDT), to coincide with the live run of Coast to Coast. The show is a national phone-in talk show originating from Corus-owned CKNW New Westminster BC. Host Drex is distinctive with his Australian accent. Though some initial Press Releases for both programs listed stations doing Delayed Broadcasts or even repeating previous hours, most stations dropped that approach because it eliminated listenersí ability to phone in and be aired live.

1410, BC, Vancouver, CFTE, Overnights are Coast to Coast 0100-0500 (EDT) then Bloomberg International Business, mostly from London (IRCA DX Monitor June 2, published May 29, via DXLD)

** CANADA. 6754-USB, May 28 at 0242-0255, Trenton Military has crashed again, ``no report received`` repeating over and over from everywhere: Clearwater, Greenwood, Gander, Halifax, Calgary, Cold Lake, Winnipeg, Edmonton, Comox, Victoria, Vancouver, Abbotsford ---- Modulation is also a bit rough (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1932, DX LISTENING DIGEST) CHR

** CHINA [non]. 7210-AM, May 25 at 2343, pop music in English S8-S5, but // 6175 as both are scheduled CRI Spanish via ALBANIA, 150 kW at 280 degrees. Per HFCC, Nelson Roig N1NR and his anti-Castro Cuban exile cohorts I was looking for, should have 7210-LSB to themselves from 0000 and all-night to 1100, unless Kolkata 0215-1215 listed be a minor problem. Aside from pro-Castro Cuban jhammers, of course (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA [and non]. 7500, CNR 1 at 1345, broadcast station used as jammer. Traditional Chinese music, pips and off at ToH. Co-channel user at this hour would be Voice of America, in Chinese (listed Cantonese dialect), via Thailand relay. Both gone on recheck after 1400. Excellent level - May 27 (Rick Barton, AZ, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA [non]. 9580, May 27 at 0139, CRI relay via HABana is in Spanish instead of English! Talk about Colombian author Gabriel GarcÌa M·rquez and his appreciation ``aquÌ en China``. Adjacent Albania relay on 9570 remains in CRI English. Something`s always wrong at RadioCuba (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1932, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA [and non]. 9940, CNR1, May 24, 2018, 1537ñ1547 in Chinese. SIO 544. Echo on signal. OM commentator. This is probably designed to be a jamming signal on top of RFA broadcast on same frequency. I can hear bits of RFA under the CNR signal. Moderate QSB and Increasing QRN. OMs in long harangue followed by strident YL. Listed language is

Mandarin, target is Far East (Vince Henley, Anacortes WA, WiNRADiO G39DDCe SDR, ICOM IC-R8600, Ten-Tec RX-340, Drake R8B, TECSUN PL-380, TECSUN PL-660, TECSUN PL-880. Antennas: whips on PL-380, PL-660, PL-880 and Alpha-Delta DX-Ultra installed broadside east west at 30 feet, NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD)

** CHINA [non?]. 11610, May 26 at 1635, bandscanning up, hits huge signal in Chinese song, S9+5 to peaks S9+20; worthy of MWV but its only Chinese hour on 11610 is 21-22; 1638 Chinese announcement, talk over music continues. This is the SSOB, more than 12160 WWCR, 11760 RHC, 11930 Cuban radio war, 12050 WEWN, 11710 North Korea, but not a bad signal from there. Sked at 16-17 only is RFA Chinese, 250 kW, 295 degrees via TINIAN and of course *jammed per Aoki/NDXC. I hear no trace of a second signal, but think CNR1 jamming more likely (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA [and non]. ILHAS MARIANAS DO NORTE (e n„o) 11745. Maio 24, 2018. 1826-1835, Radio Free Asia, Tinian-MRA, em ChinÍs. Ouve-se, ao fundo, alguns fragmentos de locuÁıes masculina e feminina da RFA quase que totalmente bloqueadas pela poderosa interferÍncia da CNR1 Jammer-Firedrake [sic] (JosÈ Ronaldo Xavier (JRX), Cabedelo-ParaÌba, Brasil, Receptores: Sony ICF-SW 100 & Tecsun S-2000, WOR iog via DXLD)

** CHINA. 11880, May 26 at 1641, soft song in Chinese, S1-S3 not // 11610. Sked is CRI Hakka, 500 kW, 252 degrees via Xi`an for CIRAF 53N and 57S, which means Zimbabwe and vicinity! Hakkan diaspora there? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA [and non]. 11900, CNR 1 (broadcaster used as jammer) at 1430. Multiple speakers in Chinese in huge collision as China-One tangles with Voice of America Chinese service (via Tinang P.I.). Typical CNR pips at ToH, then off. Powerhouse - May 24 (Rick Barton, Logs from Central Arizona. Grundig Satellit 205/5000 & 750; RS SW-2000629, HQ-200 & HQ-180A with various outdoor wires. 73 and Good Listening....! - rb, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. 13530, May 25 at 1323, JBA OOB carrier with flutter, presumably CNR1 *jamming as Aoki/NDXC has Sound of Hope:
``13530.217 2110-1550 TWN * SOH Xi Wang Zhi Sheng  Chi ? 1-7``
And this one was not way off-frequency like that. It`s the only SOH listed between 13270 and 13620 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. 15320, May 24 at 0025, S4-S1 with flutter in Chinese, presumed CNR1 jammer against VOA Chinese via Philippines this hour only. It`s the OSOB except for 15120 China via Cuba (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. 17398-USB, Guangzhou Coast Radio Station, *1059-1104*, May

27. In Chinese, with assume marine weather (Ron Howard, Ocean Beach [San Francisco], CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, WOR iog via WORLD OF RADIO 1932, DXLD)

[did you notice: China logs above in frequency order; Cuba below in chrono order, more or less --- gh]

** CUBA. 9530, Radio Havana, 5-18, 2348-2357. Beautiful haunting choral singing. SIO444. 2356 interval signal for R. Havana (Ed Cichorek, New Jersey, R75, MFJ956 tuner, SWL4-50 outdoor wire, NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD) Off-frequency from 9535, which I also logged an hour later at 0102 May 19 (gh, DXLD)

11880, May 22 at 2356, RHC English is OFF --- don`t know whether it was off for entire 2300 hour, but now English is still running on // 5040. Something`s always wrong at RHC (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Glenn, Since it's always something at RHC, I thought I'd share my experience on 23 May 2018 on 6165 from 0020 UT to 0102. At 0020 a male cleared his throat and spoke for about 3 minutes in Spanish, with long pauses between the sentences. He ended by moving the microphone. Afterward, there was an open carrier until 0056, then the abrupt end of an RHC bc in English. There was no carrier change I could detect. At 0059 RHC came on with its full studio presentation in English. I don't speak Spanish, but I had a friend translate. She said he was talking about going to pick up the director of the Central Bank of Cuba, and that they can only speak Spanish around him, and mentions a song.

I'm thinking the speaker didn't realize he had an open mike that may have picked up his personal phone call. I've attached an mp3 of the 3 minutes if you feel it's worth a listen. I also have the full thing recorded, but I'll spare you the bandwidth unless you're really interested. Just wanted to report what I heard.

-- [tagline] "The price of apathy towards public affairs is to be ruled by evil men." - Plato (Heath Hall, Albuquerque, NM, May 28, WORLD OF RADIO 1932, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Heath, Very interesting. From his tone of voice, long pauses, and repeating same text, I don`t think it`s a phone call but a studio recording session, as he is trying over and over to get it down without flubs. Presumably later edited into something coherent, if used at all on the air. Of course, this audio should never have been put on the feeder, which should not have been on the air, nor should 6165 before 0100 (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1932, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11760, May 23 at 0111, RHC Spanish is just barely modulated on big signal; 11700 and 12000 have poor signals but more modulation. Only 11840 on band is sufficiently modulated and with bigsig. Something`s always wrong at RHC.

5040, May 23 at 0614, S9+20 of dead air, instead of turned off at 0600* after one English hour. Something`s always wrong at RHC.

13740, May 23 at 1604, open carrier at S9+20 is certainly the CRI English relay not turned off at 1600*. Something`s always wrong at RadioCuba (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also unID 17730

13650, China Radio International (via Cuba relay) at 2300. I was about to put this down as a "something is always wrong at Radio Cuba log" as there was only an open carrier from 2300 to 2304. At 2304, newscast came on with woman in English, which was fine except that the broadcast is supposed to be Portuguese at this hour. Then, at 2310, it did go to Portuguese. It nearly rounded out the top of the hour with Chinese-Portuguese language lesson, but the station closed suddenly at 2355. VG signal - May 23 (Rick Barton, Logs from Central Arizona. Grundig Satellit 205/5000 & 750; RS SW-2000629, HQ-200 & HQ-180A with various outdoor wires. 73 and Good Listening....! -rb, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

14295, May 24 at 0027, JBA carrier where there was none a couple minutes earlier. I`m looking for the third harmonic of 4765, R. Progreso which now has its carrier on too, but music modulation does not come up until 0033:40; and 14295 is just too weak to match, but I`m sure that`s it. Something`s always wrong at RadioCuba; but harmonix of Rebelde 5025 are rarely reported: 10050, 15075.

11760, May 24 at 0017, surprised to find RHC AWOL from here, but still going on 11700, 11830, 11840, 11850 --- there is a JBA carrier on 11760; exciter, or CNR1 as also listed? Something`s always wrong at RHC.

11880, May 24 at 0018, surprised to find this frequency still on air in Kriyol // 5040. Supposed to stop by 0000 after English. Something`s always wrong at RHC.

11900, May 24 at 0019, weak signal in Spanish at S0-S1, confirmed as RHC by // 11840, 12000 and 11760 which has come back on by 0021, but soon fades out. Does not work out to be an ordinary leapfrog from any pair of 25mb frequencies ---- unless it is 11760 over the 11830 spur of 11840, another 70 kHz beyond? But there is none on 11920 which would be over 11840 itself. Something`s always wrong at RHC (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9553 & 9587 approx., May 24 at 1248, extremely distorted matching parasitic spurblobs out of 9570 relay of CRI. Something`s always wrong at RadioCuba (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1932, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

13700, May 24 at 1302, RHC is S9+20/30 of dead air; modulation not applied until 1307.5. Meanwhile other RHC on 13740 is roughly modulating at S9/S9+10 with some squeal. Something`s always wrong at RHC.

9805, May 25 at 0121, heavy pulse jamming against nothing, despite Radio MartÌ active here only at 10-13 UT. Something`s always wrong at the dangerous DentroCuban Jamming Command.

[and non]. 13660, May 25 at 1325, RHC Spanish is VP, i.e. leapfrog mixing product of 13740 over 13700 another 40 kHz lower; at 1350 I can hear the reverse match at 13780. Something`s always wrong at RHC, but at least today not including FM spurblobs all over 22m.

13670, May 25 at 1326, mixture of VP music and I think RHC audio, maybe overload, or protracted 11-12 UT weak fundamental transmission? Aoki/NDXC shows at this hour both CRI English via Kashgar and PBS Xinjiang Urumqi in Uyghur, from East Turkistan: surely not really both! (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

13740, May 25 at 1400 I check whether the Cubans are colliding with each other? Yes! RHC past scheduled 1400* with Sonido Cubano music is much louder than CRI English relay from *1400, and this goes on until 1404:45 when RHC stops just as CRI news is ending, and 1405 `Roundtable` starting, TGIF. Something`s always wrong at RadioCuba.

11900, May 25 at 2351, RHC vs RHC, mixture of audios from 11950 with `Mesa Redonda` soundtrack, and mainstream RHC from 12000, i.e. leapfrog another 50 kHz lower. Modulation is rough on 12000; 11950 is also defective, overmodulated and squealing, so the sounds on 11900 are no better tho much weaker, managing only S1. Luckily for WEWN, no reverse `frog on 12050 can be heard to mar its own `Cara a Cara` show. Something`s always wrong at RHC.

The 11900 mix will not occur on weekends when 11950 is not on; but what about my Thu May 24 RHC log on 11900 at 0019? 11950 should also have been off after 0000, and I did not note then that it was on, causing speculation about how else 11900 could happen (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1932, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6165, May 27 at 0152, RHC is in Spanish // 6060 etc., instead of English whose separate music maintains on 6000. Recheck at 0612, 6165

is now in English // 6060 and 6000, while 6100 is off. Something`s always wrong at RHC. See also CHINA [non]

9535, May 27 at 1430, S4-S8 of dead air, obviously RHC. 15230 likewise, May 27 at 1442, dead air or JBM at S9, while 11760 and 13700 are OK. 17730 is also on and VP with music matching 11760. Something`s always wrong at RHC.

6100, May 29 at 0545, this RHC English frequency during music is S7-S9 but modulation and carrier are breaking up rapidly. // 6000, 6060, 6165 are relatively OK. Something`s always wrong at RHC (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

13567 approx., May 29 at 1355, first find the RHC horribly distorted spurblobs are back, starting here vs the Part 15 HIFER band. Out of 13700 transmitter, also 13501, 13438?, 13634, 13766, 13832, 13898, 13963, 14039? I.e. approx. 66 kHz intervals. Usual F# tone accompanying and the closer ones are somewhat readable if tuned in FM mode. Some days these are rampant, some days absent. Something`s always wrong at RHC (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1932, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hey, Arnie, how about applying Cuban ingenuity now to clean up RHC`s act? (gh, DXLD)

** CUBA. *Fascinating* - RHC'S ARNIE CORO RECALLS HOW CUBAN INGENUITY SOLVED HURDLES OF THE START-UP PERIOD

On Radio Havana Cuba's 57th anniversary, founder Arnie Coro recalls how Cuban ingenuity solved hurdles of the start-up period 02/05/18

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Script of Radio Havana Cuba's Dxers Unlimited

Mid-Week Edition Tuesday 1 May 2018 By Arnie Coro radio amateur CO2KK [sic, with all those dot-dot-dots ---- get this man some semicolons!]

Hola amigos radioaficionados... hi my radio hobby friends all around the world... YES, it is time, right now to enjoy about ten minutes of all radio hobby related information coming to you from Havana, Cuba. I am your host, Arnaldo, Arnie, Coro and here is item one of today's show:

Yes, Happy Birthday Radio Havana Cuba.... si amigos, yes my friends, oui mes amis..... our beloved station is celebrating today its fifty seventh year on the air...

And for me, this is a very significant moment, because I was an 18 years old junior radio technician in 1961, when our signal went on the air on the first day of May of 1961, under the name of Radio Havana Cuba.... I remember very well my regular visits to the still to be finished Bauta transmitting station, where our first transmitters and antennas were in the process of being installed, with the technical advice from a senior Brown Boveri Corporation engineer, known to us as Mister Faust.

My command of the English language helped a lot to communicate with Mister Faust who gave to the installers all his know how about high power short wave broadcast transmitters. Cuba had bought to Brown Boveri of Switzerland four transmitters. Two were capable of delivering 100 kiloWatts and two smalller ones ran 10 kiloWatts...

Several other accesories were part of the business deal with the Swiss company, that included the technical advice and training of the Cuban engineers and technicians involved in the complex installation. And yes, amigos, we learned a lot, allowing us to put the four transmitters on the air and provide high quality maintenance and the ability to solve the inevitable breakdowns that do happen at all broadcast stations, usually at the worst possible time.

I can close my eyes, now at 75, and literally see the glow of the huge BTL25 type high power triodes final grounded grid amplifiers that delivered more than 100 kiloWatts to the antennas .

More about the early days of Radio Havana Cuba, a testimony, direct and from the source, coming up in just a few seconds.

(RADIO HABANA CUBA interval signal)

This is Radio Havana Cuba celebrating its 57th anniversary on this first day of May of 2018 amigos... And here is more about the early days of our station and how with the now well known Cuban ingenuity we solved the many hurdles that happened every day during the start up period... We had no studios of our own, so we obtained help from Radio Progreso and borrowed two studios from our sister station located on the first four floors of the same building.

Studio 5 a large size NAB type broadcast studio built under the supervision of Cuban master radio engineer and my mentor, Carlos Estrada, was used for recording especially prepared music scores, that

nowadays are treasured as most valuable heritage of the Cuban broadcast institute, and studio 8, where we recorded the newscasts.... We ended up every day with two quarter inch tape 2400 feet reels, that contained the Spanish and English programs. Then a messanger drove a small Volkswagen Bug from downtown Havana, to Bauta, a small village some 20 miles west of the city. At the transmitting station we had two Phillips quarter inch tape professional tape machines that were connected to an also Phillips made sound mixer board, that provided the required audio output to the line amplifiers that fed the transmitters.

The trip took about three quarters of an hour under normal weather, but it could last twice as long during bad weather , because the Central Highway communicating La Habana with the western part of Cuba was, and still is very narrow and with many curves.... As expected we had to use that pony or VW express courier until finally engineer Estrada negotiated with the telephone company a pair of long distance radio broadcast quality lines, I still remember their registration numbers... LR 1715 and LR 1716, that was what we had to tell the phone company repairs department every time we had problems with the audio feeds... Then a few months later we received two Brown Boveri UHF studio to transmitters links, and installed them at the rooftop of the nearby to our station Habana Libre Hotel that provided a clear unobstructed path to the Bauta transmitting station new tower, especially installed for that purpose.... Then our signal quality improved and the studio to transmitter links were under my care for quite some time...

Nowadays we send our studio signals to the transmitting stations using highly reliable fiber optic cables...

(short musical interval)

You are listening to Radio Havana Cuba, this is a very special anniversary edition of Dxers Unlimited... I am Arnie Coro and here I am happy to share with you some of the happenings and anecdotes of the early days of Radio Havana Cuba.... At the Bauta transmitting site we counted with a very experienced antennas enginners, Doctor Engineer Jose Antonio Valladares who was also a senior professor at the University of Havana school of electrical engineering.... Valladares enjoyed teaching a lot... he would tune and antenna for minimum standing wave ratio, and then ask us, the trainees to do it again from scratch...

We had to learn how to work with the complicated Smith Chart and also how to measure the standing waves on the 350 ohms transmission lines with an odd instrument on wheels that traveled along the line for find maximums and minimums of the radio frequency voltage, required to

calculate the standing wave ratio. The excellent protection circuits of the Brown Boveri transmitters will trip them off the air if the SWR went above about one point seven to one, and both Mister Faust and engineer Valladares insisted in achieving the lowest possible standing wave ratio... they said we want to see a purely resistive RF load !!! Amigos, and that was not an easy task at all....

We had installed a broadband dipole antenna for our 11760 kiloHertz 25 meters band frequency, and one of my first tasks working on how to learn to tune the antennas, was to adjust a quarter wave stub, located next to the antenna 350 ohms line feedpoint, so that a perfect one to one standing wave ratio was achieved.... Because it was a single element antenna, it could be done much faster than the time it took to tune up the phased dipoles array designed for optimum coverage of the Caribbean....

Nowadays we still use a single element dipole for our Tropical Band 5040 kiloHertz frequency, and it was installed close to the ground in order to optimize the high angle radiation required for coverage of the Cuban archipelago.... But as engineer Valladares explained to us, the vertical pattern also has a smaller lobe at a lower take off angle, and that explains why 5040 kiloHertz can be heard so far away... of course the feeding that dipole with 100 kiloWatts also helps a lot so that Dxers around the world can pick up Radio Havana Cuba even when the number of sunspots is very low... By the way the average sunspots number for the month of April was 8.9, a very clear reminder that we are now deep into the period of minimum activity for solar cycle 24...

(Short musical interval)

Of course that there are many more anecdotes about the early days of our station, like for example, why I was asked by RHC 's Director Marcos Behmaras, to read an English language newscast one day that our regular announcer called in sick... Marcos said: Arnie, I know you went to an English language school, maybe you could help us and share your time between the engineering department and on the air announcing... something that lead eventually to the creation of this Dxers Unlimited show, and our Breakthrough science and technology feature...

Asked by a colleague when I was planning to retire, my reply was that working at the ICRT, the Cuban broadcast organization was something that I enjoyed very much... As a matter of fact even after having to undergo recently major surgery, I have managed to stay on the air, to celebrate this 57th anniversary of Radio Havana Cuba....looking forward to 2021 when our station will be 60 years old...

Edited by Juan Jacomino Castellano
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[altho every word of every DXUL twice a week is obviously scripted, Arnie rarely posts texts of program, except special occasions --- gh]

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"Cuba - Un Paraiso bajo el bloqueo"
(Prof. Arnaldo Coro Antich, May 23 via Wolfgang B¸schel, May 24, DXLD)

** DENMARK. Yesterday, 22 May 2018, around 1330z I came across a quite strong AM signal on 5840 kHz. It turned out to be coming from World Music Radio. Amazing for just 100 watts, or maybe even just 50 watts following recent transmitter problems. Very good modulation and nice selection of tropical music formerly heard only from stations in the tropical bands. My wire antenna was a Windom. vy73 (Harald, listening from central Germany, Kuhl, bdxc-news iog via WORLD OF RADIO 1932, DXLD)

** DOMINICAN REPUBLIC [non]. La Rosa de Tokio para este fin de semana: especial dedicado a Teo Veras

La Rosa de Tokio es un programa dedicado a difundir el apasionante mundo de la radio y del diexismo que se transmite semanalmente desde los estudios de LS11 Radio Provincia de Buenos Aires.

LA ROSA DE TOKIO se emite los s·bados a las 20 hs LU (2300 UT) El s·bado 26 de Mayo se irradiar· el segundo programa especial dedicado a recordar a Teo Veras, locutor, comunicador e historiador de la radio recientemente fallecido en Rep˙blica Dominicana

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La Rosa de Tokio tambiÈn sale por onda corta gracias a las facilidades brindadas por WRMI Radio Miami Internacional
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La Rosa de Tokio es producida y conducida por Omar JosÈ Somma y Arnaldo Leonel Slaen y cuenta con la colaboraciÛn de RubÈn Guillermo Margenet, desde Rosario y Alejandro Daniel Alvarez, desde Neuquen.
(Arnaldo Slaen, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

** EGYPT. Unidentified station with Egyptian music, May 28-29
0815-0820 on 9400 unknown tx / unknown to ????, fair/good&
0925-0931 on 9550 unknown tx / unknown to ????, distorted:
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/05/unidentified-station-with-egyptian_29.html
(Ivo IvanÛv, SWLDXBulgaria News, May 28-29, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EUROPE. Mystery Pirate on 5140 kHz (60 mb) with 1940's music and speech most in the evening hours?

Hello Glenn, I can hear a Mystery Pirate on 5140 kHz (60 mb) with WO2 1940's music and speech most in the evening hours. The station is some

times on air for some hours and close down and some days it`s not on air. The best time to tune in is around 18 UT. The music format is non stop music from the 40's and some audio files with English talk also from the same time. The signal is moderate and like tonight May 29, 2019, some pirate hams where talking in SSB with an accent from Scotland, I think fishermen in a group? and the were off air after some time when the music station was getting stronger in signal but it`s never very strong and loud so it most be low power and I suspect it does come from the UK? It`s now for about 5 or 6 weeks that I did hear the station on air irregular. Are there also other DX'ers who can hear this station?

I use an Icom IC-R 8500 and a home made 60 m dipole (SW-NO) and 5 m high above the ground (by the way my dipole is still not tuned for this band; I just measured the length with a calculator and made the antenna) but even so, the antenna does do a good job tho hanging so low above the ground.

PS, I did also hear some weeks ago more short time pirate radio stations in the 60 mb in the middle of the night time hours, some even with a carrier and then they disappear, some with modulation. So other DX'ers have to take a look some times in this band.

My QTH is Gent (between Antwerp and Brugges), East Flanders - Belgium. And I'm a radio Freak for over more than 45 years now. -- 73 and good DX from (Herman (age 60), DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Herman.

This must be it, from posts recently in the British DX Club. 73, Glenn

Charleston Radio International 5150 kHz ---- Charleston Radio International (Germany?) currently audible on 5150 kHz with continuous old-style records and IDs. SINPO 35333. 73, (Alan Pennington, AOR 7030plus, ALA1530, Caversham, UK, April 24, bdxc-newes iog via DXLD)

Charleston Radio International is on new 5140 kHz (ex 5150) this evening. Usual old-time records format. Fair strength but moderate fading at 2115 UT. 73, (Alan, AOR 7030plus, ALA1530, Caversham, UK, May 8, ibid.)

I heard it too on 5140 yesterday evening. QTH 4 miles S of Reading. (Michael Dawson, May 9, ibid.)

** GERMANY. Neu ab Juli/new as of July: Postfach 5 95 in 55529 Bad Kreuznach

Wichtig: "Aus betrieblichen Gr¸nden" (Zitat Deutsche Post) haben wir

ab Juli ein anderes Postfach:
Postfach 5 95 in 55529 Bad Kreuznach!
Bitte notieren und weitersagen - vielen Dank!

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P. O. Box 5 95 in 55529 Kreuznach, Rhineland-Palatinate, Germany/Allemagne!

Please note and pass it on - thank you! (Charlie Prince | Radio Joystick, May 24, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

** GERMANY. 6070, Channel 292, Rohrbach, Waal in English 05-05-2018 0658-0752, pop song, man rumbled ID "two nine two!", other man ID "You are listening....Channel two nine two", non-stop reggae songs (No woman no cry; Could you be loved; One love;), with one rap song. heard in USB, lite QRN and QSB, good /fair at times. (Serra, Roma-Italy)

7365.02, HCJB Weenermoor in German, 05-05-2018, 0804-0816, classic music break, man sermon with reverberation (no much clear). Heard better in SSB, moderate to strong QRN and QSB. Almost fair/poor at times. (Serra, Roma-Italy)

5920, Radio HBR (Missionswerk Werner Heukelbach)(presumed) via HCJB Weenermoor in German, 05-05-2018, 0620-0635 choral religious chants (alleluja), at 0625 woman talk (mostly unclear), chant and talk by same woman, music pause at 0630, men announcement with possible ID, 3 train whistles, man talk, with some music breaks, then chatting with other man. Heard better in SSB with moderate QSB and QRM, almost fair / very poor/barely audible. (In addition, there is also Radio HBR, which is created and broadcast in partnership with the Foundation Missionswerk Werner Heukelbach - via < andenstimme.org/empfang > in German, translated in English with Google translator) (Gianni Serra, Roma-Italy, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY. The test broadcasts from "Shortwave Radio" via Winsen in Germany being heard on *both* 3975 and 6160kHz from 2015UT tune-in. I thought that they only had one transmitter (and WRTH only shows one). Currently being heard with The Prog Mill (Alan Roe, Teddington, UK, WOR iog Friday May 11, via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Reception of New Shortwave Radio for Europe, May 22
from 1803 on 3975 WIS 001 kW / non-dir to NWEu English, fair
Updated schedule of New Shortwave Radio via two transmitters: [viz.]
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/05/updated-schedule-of-new-shortwave-radio.html
(Ivo IvanÛv, SWLDXBulgaria News, May 22-24, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Updated schedule of New Shortwave Radio via two transmitters, May 22
1600-2200 on 3975 WIS 001 kW / non-dir to NWEu English Daily
1600-2200 on 6160 WIS 001 kW / non-dir to NWEu English Daily
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5c6Tybck1Cg&feature=youtu.be
??????????? ?? Observer ? 4:24 PM (via WORLD OF RADIO 1932, DXLD)

Fair signal of New Shortwave Radio for Europe, May 27
from 2030 on 3975 WIS 001 kW / non-dir to NWEu English Daily,
NO SIGNAL on 6160 WIS 001 kW / non-dir to NWEu English Daily:
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/05/fair-signal-of-new-shortwave-radio-for_28.html
(Ivo IvanÛv, SWLDXBulgaria News, May 27-28, WORLD OF RADIO 1932, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY. ALEMANHA, 13882. Maio 28, 2018. 1904-1920, DWD Pinneberg Meteo Fax, Pinneberg-D. Escuta recebida aquÌ em Cabedelo desta transmiss„o em sinal de fax, apenas. O receptor no qual faÁo esta escuta n„o possui decodificador para entendimento do teor desta transmiss„o. A realizaÁ„o desta escuta foi baseada no EiBi Sked A18. EiBi says: 1800 1947 D DWD Pinneberg Met Fax Eu 3855pi 7880pi 13882pi.
(JosÈ Ronaldo Xavier (JRX), Cabedelo-Paraiba, Brasil, HCDX via DXLD)

That answers my question about his Iqaluit et al. fax logs (gh, DXLD)

** GREECE. Voice of Greece, A-18: Mr. Gazidellis sent me this:
9420 1900-0700 323 Eu,NAm
9935 2200-0400 288 Eu,CAm
Best regards, (Mauno Ritola, Finland, WORLD OF RADIO 1932, DX LISTENING DIGEST) irregular! Often on 9420 only or neither (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1932, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Reception of Voice of Greece on 9420 kHz, May 23
from 0602 on 9420 AVL 150 kW / 323 deg to WeEu Greek*tx#03
Same time on 9935 AVL 100 kW / 285 deg via tx#1, no signal
* nx in Arabic/Serbian 0651-0700UT & off air around 0705UT!
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/05/reception-of-voice-of-greece-on-9420_23.html
(Ivo IvanÛv, SWLDXBulgaria News, May 22-24, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Reception of Voice of Greece on 9420 kHz May 23-24
from 1805 on 9420 AVL 150 kW / 323 deg to WeEu Greek tx#03
from 0603 on 9420 AVL 150 kW / 323 deg to WeEu Greek*tx#03
Same time on 9935 AVL 100 kW / 285 deg via tx#1, no signal
* including interview in English 0600-0604 & off air at 0650 UT
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/05/reception-of-voice-of-greece-on-9420_24.html
(Ivo IvanÛv, SWLDXBulgaria News, May 23-24, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Reception of Voice of Greece on 9420 kHz, May 24:
1745&2000 on 9420 AVL 150 kW / 323 deg to WeEu Greek tx#03
At same time 9935 AVL 100 kW / 285 deg via tx#1, no signal
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2018/05/reception-of-voice-of-greece-on-9420_25.html
(Ivo IvanÛv, SWLDXBulgaria News, May 24-25, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Reception of Voice of Greece on 9420 kHz on May 29
0651&0657 on 9420 AVL 150 kW / 323 deg to WeEu Ar/Se*tx#03
Same time on 9935 AVL 100 kW / 285 deg via tx#1, no signal
*news in Arabic and Serbian 0651-0700 & off air at 0705 UT
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(Ivo IvanÛv, SWLDXBulgaria News, May 28-29, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GUINEA. Government broadcaster in Guinea Republic (Conakry) goes live online --- Radio TÈlÈvision GuinÈenne [RTG], the government broadcaster in Guinea Republic (Conakry), now has a new quadrilingual website at
http://www.rtgkoloma.info
streaming live radio and TV. The radio stream is observed identifying on air as 'Radio GuineÈ' and found to be in parallel with the shortwave outlet on 9650 kHz when checked via a Brazilian web SDR at 1155 UT today (24 May 2018). The site gives options to view textual content in either Arabic, Chinese, English or French.

ETA: Observing the stream for the past few days it's apparent the station now broadcasts round the clock, with no sign-on/sign-off formalities at all at the former sign-on/sign-off times (0600 & 2400 UT/local time). A regular jingle with voice-over announcement in French states that they broadcast in French, English and local languages. No English programming observed by me so far (David Kernick, Interval Signals Online, May 27, WOR iog via WORLD OF RADIO 1932, DXLD)

David - thanks for the link to this website. Could you point me in the direction of the actual link to the Radio Station on their website? I only found what appears to be the live Television Station. Thanks (-Bruce F., ibid.)

Hi Bruce, On the homepage, about a quarter of the way down on the right-hand side (immediately under the 'BONNE ANNEE 2018' banner) is an embedded audio player. If you can't see it you should try a different browser. Cheers, (David, ibid.)

Thanks, David. I missed that and was mostly looking under the "Radio" pages. NIce to be able to hear the music so well - although here I'm only getting the sound in one stereo speaker. Will have to put in a

stereo to mono adapter. - Good hunting for those links to other stations, (Bruce, ibid.)

9650, Radio Guinea, Conakry, in French, 05-05-2018, 1023-1110, pop songs with man DJ announcements, at 1035 man talking for about 1 minute, local songs and afropops with man brief announcements and ID "Radio GuinÈe" at 1043. Other man announcement with ID Radio GuinÈe at 1050, mentioning "bonjour", afropops with same man DJ announcements after each song, man ID at 1100 with announcement and brief music pause, man reading news till 1103, music break and talk by man with IDs. other men announcements over music with ID, some men talking (topical news commentary), with music pause, better in LSB with inter filter to avoid stream noise QRM, moderate QRN, fast QSB, QRM het nulled with notch filter, almost fair/fair (Gianni Serra, Roma-Italy, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. "ALL INDIA RADIO: FACTS AT A GLANCE DATED 23 MAY 2018" is available in their website as follows which gives lot of interesting info.

E.g. New 100 kW SW tx at Delhi started on 12 Apr 2018; Details of SW transmissions currently off air, etc.

http://allindiaradio.gov.in/Profile/Factss%20at%20Glance/Pages/default.aspx

Yours sincerely, (Jose Jacob, VU2JOS, National Institute of Amateur Radio, Hyderabad, India, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. Hi Glenn, Faithfully Yours is scheduled today, Monday 28 May, contrary to expectations. I assume that the next airing will therefore be 11 June, but will need checking again on 4 June. The timings for today's editions are also slightly different from expectations, i.e. scheduled at 1430, 1910, 2150(rather than 2210) and 0015-Tue(rather than 2330-Mon), and not aired at all during the GOS-I transmission at 1030. 73's (Alan Roe, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. 11560, May 28 at 0233, S/SW Asian music at S1-S3, but stands out as the only signal between 11520 WEWN and 11670 RHC; nothing else from Asia audible on 25m, so kudos to AIR Bengaluru for breaking thru with its 500 kW at 325 degrees, per HFCC at 0200-0345 intended for CIRAF 40E, i.e. Afghanistan (and switching to 300 degrees for more until 0530), but merely ``Multilingual``. HFCC will not be more specific, so let us check the WRTH A18 updater: at 0215-0300 Pashto; later, Dari, Farsi and Arabic (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1932, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDONESIA [and non-logs]. 3325, Pro 1 RRI Palangkaraya, 1200, on May 26. Time pips; into the relay of the Jakarta news, ending at 1227

with the usual playing of the patriotic song ìBagimu Negeri.î This continues to be the only Indonesian station on SW!

non-log: During Ramadan, will be checking RRI Ternate (3344.86), as in past years they did reactivate, but through May 26, not heard so far.

9525.95 (non-log), VOI, through May 26, still no sign of their return (Ron Howard, Ocean Beach [San Francisco], CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, WOR iog via WORLD OF RADIO 1932, DXLD)

** INTERNATIONAL INTERNET. GDPR --- I'm finding a number of US news sites (some radio related) are being "temporarily" blocked here in the UK owing to this new restriction. Not good ... More here:
http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-44248448
(Mike Terry, UK, May 27, WOR iog via DXLD)

Sounds more like a temper tantrum to me. If thereís money in their being available in Europe, rest assured the commotion will calm presently (John Figliozzi, NY, ibid.)

Smaller media outlets from the rural USA ("fly-over territories") perhaps really believe that the world outside does not matter. I recently got such an impression at South Carolina (you can guess why I tried to communicate with journalists there, to no avail) and could well imagine that these news organizations assume, as they are being told, that it is their best option to purchase (!) a solution for locking off European IP's. At least in one particular case from a company that not even knows which European countries are in the EU and which are not. Just block them all!

On the other hand I find the practice of NPR, as now suddenly exposed, really interesting:
https://www.npr.org/about-npr/609791368/nprs-statement-regarding-cookies-and-other-tracking-technologies
or
https://text.npr.org/s.php?sId=609131973#cookiepolicy

The website, application, platform or service you visited before and after visiting our Services... Unique device identifiers on your mobile device, including as applicable the Apple or Google advertising identifiers... The Services use third-party analytics, cookie data collection and linking services (collectively "Analytics Services"), including Google Universal Analytics, Google Analytics Demographics and Interest Reporting and DoubleClick for Publishers... analyze and measure NPR's audience and target and evaluate the effectiveness of sponsorship credits...

... and so on. Shows pretty impressively how different from European,

or at least German, public broadcasters NPR in fact is (Kai Ludwig, Germany, ibid.)

I just recently went to log onto the HF Underground site and saw a new, very lengthy, user agreement posted which I would have to agree to in order to continue using the site. Has there been problems with this site and how are they going to track anyone who uses it? Perhaps I am being a bit paranoid but the terms seem a little intrusive. It almost sounds like users may be tracked for enforcement purposes. Anyone with any thoughts on this or what may have occurred to initiate these new terms? (Stephen C Wood, Harwich, Mass., Perseus SDR, 20 x 40 terminated superloop antenna, WOR iog via DXLD)

I don`t see that, but I am just lurking, not logging in (gh, DXLD)

Surprised you haven't noticed this anywhere else! From the Washington Post May 25th:

If you're like most Internet users, you've probably gotten a dozen or more emails this week notifying you of looming privacy policy updates at your favorite websites ≠ and perhaps even at a few sites you'd completely forgotten about.

What is the big deal, and why is everyone from Airbnb to Yelp suddenly updating their terms of service? Here's all you need to know. . . .
https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/the-switch/wp/2018/05/25/why-youre-getting-flooded-with-privacy-notifications-in-your-email/?noredirect=on&utm_term=.eddc9a1687b7
(Dave Alpert, WOR iog via DXLD)

** IRAN. IRANIAN GOVERNMENT BROADCASTER'S NEW ONLINE STREAMING PAGE

Iran's broadcasting monopoly IRIB has recently installed a slick new interface for accessing its radio and TV live online streams. These have long been available but what's new is that now they can all be accessed via a single page at
http://live.irib.ir
with buttons on the top right-hand corner of the page giving options for radio or TV streams categorised into national (Radios Iran, Farhang, Javan etc), provincial and external services. The embedded player works very smoothly - life has just become a little easier for mediumwave dxers trying to pin down which of IRIB's many MW transmitters they're listening to! (David Kernick, Interval Signals Online, May 29, WOR iog via WORLD OF RADIO 1932, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

David, Useful info if you are fluent in one of the regionís many languages. Are there any pages in English or other European language pages? It would be handy to know where to look for particular MW

stations, and of course where to click on the page etc. Iíve just about worked out that it reads right to left and that scroll bars are also on the left. Cheers! (Tom Crosbie G6PZZ, ibid.)

Tom, Do you have Chrome (the browser)? If you open the link in Chrome you will then have the option of having the website translated into another language such as English. I did this and it works! (- Bruce F., ibid.)

Never thought to try that! Doh! I'll check that out on Edge too, my preferred browser but I have Chrome too. Thanks, Bruce (Tom Crosbie, ibid.)

** IRAN. 13730, May 24 at 1335, low modulation at S7-S9, in Russian, still past 1419: it`s VIRI as scheduled 1320-1420, 500 kW, 336 degrees from Sirjan, also good for us far beyond Moskva (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ISRAEL. 6607-CW, May 28 at 0243, VVV DE 4XZ 4XZ 4XZ swift marker over and over, i.e. Israeli navy, Haifa. Tnx for keeping this out of the 49m SWBC band (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ISRAEL [and non: INTERNATIONAL VACUUM]. Kan English news flash

Kan ("Here" / Israel Public Broadcasting Corporation) English has added a 5 minutes news flash, Sunday-Thursday. Currently, the only live broadcast, is via satellite, to Europe:

The news flash is at 0730 GMT. (10:30 AM Israel Time)
    Vois Farsi
    Hotbird Satellite 13 degrees East
    Frequency 11200 Megahertz
    Polarization vertical
    Symbol Rate 275000
    FEC 5/6

    https://www.lyngsat.com/radiochannels/--/Voisfarsi.html
    https://www.voisfarsi.com/
    https://www.facebook.com/voisfarsi/

The Vois Farsi website has recordings of the Kan Farsi news. I actually didn't know that Vois Farsi existed -- only
http://www.radis.org
which is similar.

The 5 minute bulletin, is available on-demand, about 2 hours after broadcast, on the Kan English Facebook page. Many of the bulletins show the video of the announcer. Most of the announcers are the same

announcers from the old Israel Radio English news.
https://www.facebook.com/KanEnglishNews/

They plan on adding a live feed on Facebook, after they get some technical issues handled. The audio is NOT available on the Kan REKA network itself, or on the Kan webpage or app.

I also, personally, didn't realize that Kan REKA is also on Galaxy 16 to North America. It's used by the Russian Media Group:
https://www.lyngsat.com/radiochannels/il/KAN-Reka.html
(Doni Rosenzweig, May 23, WOR iog via WORLD OF RADIO 1932, DXLD)

The 0730 UT Kan English News Flash was showing as live on their Facebook page, but for some reason it didn't work on my cellphone:
https://www.facebook.com/KanEnglishNews/

It is streaming live, at 0730 UT, on the Kan Farsi network:
http://farsi.kan.org.il/

As such, I would this expect it to be on the Kan Farsi satellite feed to the Middle East, on Amos 7 as well:
https://www.lyngsat.com/radiochannels/il/KAN-Farsi.html
(Doni Rosenzweig, May 24, ibid.)

** JAPAN. The celebrated Japanese DXer Toshimichi Ohtake has the theory that the prevalence of tubular masts in Japan is both for cosmetic reasons to soften the impact of so much "metal" in a residential area but also because a tubular mast will be able to withstand typhoons better. Points to ponder on. 73 and 88 (Dan Goldfarb, May 29, mwmasts iog via DXLD)

** KOREA NORTH. 11710, Voice of Korea, May 25, 2018, 1504ñ1518 in English. SIO 444. YL announcer with ID. Followed by choral and instrumental martial music. QSB and minor QRN, but otherwise strong and listenable. Continued choral martial music with YL announcer between pieces. Listed target is North America. YL with short local news clips and propaganda monologue. Commentary on fishing rights. OM with talk of reunification of the Koreas, nature conservation, migratory birds, foreign relations with China, visit by UN World Health Organization officials, increase in funding for universal health care in N. Korea. No mention of potential summit with Trump while I listened today. Quite a good signal here.

[+ [same]] May 26, 2018, 1501ñ1525 in English. SIO 555. Good signal. VOK ID followed by music. YL announcer between pieces. Very martial music with instrumental and choral pieces. Minor QRM from some noise jamming or a faulty transmitter. YL with mostly internal news and propaganda. OM announcer with praise of Kim dynasty, talk of Koreans

resident in Japan. Much commentary of the Japanese ìoccupation.î Talk about the dismantlement of the nuclear test site with the untrue claim that it was witnessed by western diplomats.

Mention of Trump cancelling the planned summit with Kim. Considerable discussion of the proposed summit with a claim of ìhostilityî from Trump and his rhetoric. Much complaint of the joint American and South Korean joint military exercises. The entire broadcast sounded as if they expected to drive the car, but were relegated to the back seat. They did not anticipate this (Vince Henley, Anacortes WA, WiNRADiO G39DDCe SDR, ICOM IC-R8600, Ten-Tec RX-340, Drake R8B, TECSUN PL-380, TECSUN PL-660, TECSUN PL-880. Antennas: whips on PL-380, PL-660, PL-880 and Alpha-Delta DX-Ultra installed broadside east west at 30 feet, NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. JAPAN, Weak to fair signal of Shiokaze Sea Breeze on May 24:
1600-1700 on 6165 YAM 300 kW / 280 deg to NEAs English Thu, today
1600-1657 on 6165 URU 500 kW / 270 deg to N/ME Turkish CRI is off
from 1700 on 6165 BEI 500 kW / 288 deg to WeAs English CRI is on:
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/05/weak-to-fair-signal-of-shiokaze-sea.html
(Ivo IvanÛv, SWLDXBulgaria News, May 23-24, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. 9685, JAPAN, Nippon no kaze/il bon ue baram (Japan oppo v. N KOR & presumed the one) at 1510. Female Japanese pop vocal music, then monologue with W in Korean, speaking over soft music. Some musical bridges recognizable from Shiokaze broadcasts. Good - May 25 (Rick Barton, Logs from Central Arizona. Grundig Satellit 205/5000 & 750; RS SW-2000629, HQ-200 & HQ-180A with various outdoor wires. 73 and Good Listening....! -rb, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. 9560, TAIWAN (Tamsui District), Furusato no kaze (Japan oppo station) at 1440, woman talking over soft music, www address just before top of the hour. Good, May 28 (Rick Barton, Logs from Central Arizona. Hopefully useful information for someone can be picked out of here. Times/Dates in UTC. English used unless otherwise stated. Grundig Satellit 205/5000 & 750; RS SW-2000629, HQ-200 & HQ-180A with various outdoor wires. Use of portables noted where relevant for perspective on signal strength comments. 73 and Good Listening....! -rb, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH [and non]. 3120.013 kHz also Seoul local spoiled spurious signal of 3479.988 kHz VoP Kyonggi-do Koyang transmission, not jammed at 1020 UT, but slightly jammed at 1130 UT, May 26.

3909.966 Jammed slightly by KRE. 1030 UT
3985.013 Jammed slightly by KRE.
4450even Jammed slightly by KRE.

4885.003 not jammed.
5919.991 not jammed.
Nothing heard on 5940, nor 6045 kHz.
5995.028 Jammed heavily by KRE. 1036 UT
6014.997 Totally jammed by KRE, also
6350.031 Jammed heavily by KRE. 1039 UT
6520.005 Jammed heavily by KRE. 1043 UT
6600even Jammed heavily by KRE. 1045 UT
Totally jammed by KRE on 3598(spur?), 5830, 6003, 6135, 6250 kHz.

Not jammed KBS 7275, not jammed 9100even kHz EoH-KOR. 73 wb (Wolfgang B¸schel, remote Seoul KOR SDR site, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA SOUTH [and non]. 6135, May 23 at 1147, noise jamming only at S6, no trace of a carrier from V. of Freedom, which is presumably still on reactivated 6045 where I do have a carrier with some music at S4-S5, no jamming audible here but Ron Howard reports VOF and jamming on 6045 at 1050-1220+ today (Glenn Hauser, OK DX LISTENING DIGEST) viz

6045.0, Voice of Freedom and jamming, on May 23. The following IDs made possible by the info provided by Amano-san (Saitama, Japan), with the assistance of Mr. Chulsu (Seoul, Korea), at "Now On The Radio" - http://radio.chobi.net/DX/bbs/?res:2480#3268

1050 - "Oneul-e chojeom" program ("Today's focus"). My audio at http://goo.gl/aGYppe

1055 - "Nae ma-eum-e swimpyo" program ("Resting mark of my heart"). My audio at
http://goo.gl/usjaCC

1215 - "Nalssi jeonmangdae" program ("Weather observatory"). My audio at
http://goo.gl/g4wwGc

1220 - "i bam-eul Minji-wa hamkke" program ("This night with Minji"). My audio at
http://goo.gl/fNcmuk

(Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, WOR iog via DXLD)

5920.0, Voice of Freedom, ex: 6045.0. On May 24, good reception at 1300 with "Huimang-ine jib" program ("Hope-chan's house"); clear frequency with no N. Korea jamming yet (Ron Howard, Ocean Beach [San Francisco], CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, WOR iog via DXLD)

5920, Voice of Freedom (opposition v DPRK and presumed the one) at

1145. M and W in dialogue (in Korean), pop vocal music. VG May 25
(Rick Barton, Logs from Central Arizona. Grundig Satellit 205/5000 &
750; RS SW-2000629, HQ-200 & HQ-180A with various outdoor wires. 73
and Good Listening....! -rb, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5920.00, Voice of Freedom, 1236, May 26. Good reception with no
jamming yet; frequency is stable here now, with no drifting at all.

5920.0, Voice of Freedom, May 27 (Sunday - weekend schedule),
at 1300, with the start of the program in Korean called "Nolaesil-eun
tong-il-yeolcha" ("Unified train on a song"). My audio at
http://goo.gl/Qnu2g6
(Ron Howard, Ocean Beach [San Francisco], CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100'
long wire, WOR iog via WORLD OF RADIO 1932, DXLD)

You may wonder why isn`t this one classified as KOREA NORTH [non]? It
seems inconsistent; just got started this way. We do know its location
(gh, DXLD)

** KOREA SOUTH. Weak/fair signal of KBS World Radio, May 28
1300-1400 on 15575 KIM 250 kW / 040 deg to ENAm English
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/05/weak-to-fair-signal-of-kbs-world-
radio.html
(Ivo IvanÛv, SWLDXBulgaria News, May 28-29, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KUWAIT. Good signal of MOI Radio Kuwait on May 23:
1600-1800 on 15540 KBD 250 kW / 100 deg to SoAs Urdu
Repeatedly the transmitter switches on/off & on/off:
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/05/good-signal-of-moi-radio-kuwait-in-
urdu.html
(Ivo IvanÛv, SWLDXBulgaria News, May 22-24, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

17550, Kuwait Radio at 2000. Middle Eastern music, dialogue with M, W
in Arabic, more ME music. Fair but steady. First time logged here in a
long while. May 28 (Rick Barton, Logs from Central Arizona. Hopefully
useful information for someone can be picked out of here. Times/Dates
in UTC. English used unless otherwise stated. Grundig Satellit
205/5000 & 750; RS SW-2000629, HQ-200 & HQ-180A with various outdoor
wires. Use of portables noted where relevant for perspective on signal
strength comments. 73 and Good Listening....! -rb, DX LISTENING
DIGEST)

** MADAGASCAR. 11790, World Christian Broadcasting at 2215. M, W in
Arabic. Middle Easternish male vocal music, instrumental music, then
woman in Arabic. This is the first time I've heard this station in
several weeks, and I was about to ask other DXers if these broadcasts
we're still on the air. For a time this broadcast, and the Shiokaze
broadcast from 13 to 14 UTC, have not been heard it my listening

station. Not the powerhouse signal it had been in the past, but it is there. Fair/Good - May 24 (Rick Barton, Logs from Central Arizona. Grundig Satellit 205/5000 & 750; RS SW-2000629, HQ-200 & HQ-180A with various outdoor wires. 73 and Good Listening....! -rb, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11790, World Christian Broadcasting at 2230 dialogue with man and woman in Arabic, Middle Eastern music at 2250. Earlier check had nothing here. F/G May 27 (Rick Barton, AZ, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MALAYSIA. The first QSL card for me from RTM Wai FM from Malaysia was received in response to my report for April 15, 2018. QSL here http://freerutube.info/2018/05/23/qsl-rtm-wai-fm-malayziya-aprel-2018-goda/ (Dmitry Elagin, Saratov, Russia / "deneb-radio-dx" via Rus-DX May 27 via DXLD)

Received E-QSL from RTM for receiving the radio station Sarawak FM - 05/20/2018, 1600-1615 UT at the frequency of 9835 kHz (via Kajang). Card number 78-2018 with a picture of the flag of Malaysia. The report was sent by e-mail to address: roziyati @ rtm.gov.my. Acknowledgment received from Irhan Matsusa with addresses: irhan @ rtm.gov.my (Dmitry Kutuzov, Ryazan, Russia / "deneb-radio-dx", ibid.)

** MEXICO. RAYMIE`S MEXICO BEAT this week ---

After two weeks without a meeting, the IFT was back at it on Wednesday and tackled these broadcasting matters:

New Stations
Radio Cultural de Villa del CarbÛn, A.C. ó PeÒamiller, Qro. (social FM)
Publicando Valores, A.C. ó*Juchit·n de Zaragoza/UniÛn Hidalgo, Oax. (social FM)
FundaciÛn Radiodifusoras Capital Jalisco, A.C. ó*Santa MarÌa Huatulco, Oax. (social FM)
Soley Sin Barreras, A.C. ó*Miahuatl·n de Porfirio DÌaz, Oax. (social community FM)
Radio KD, A.C. ó Cadereyta de Montes, Qro. (social community FM)
Radio Juchari Iretarhu Anapu, A.C. ó*Ziracuaretiro, Mich. (social community FM)

There was a social award in Colima out of the 2016 PABF (clearing an MX group). The list I have of IFT station applications suggests FundaciÛn Educacional de Medios, A.C. is in the hunt. I'm not sure who the other applicant was.

Some news from other meeting notes:

The losers in two permit forests cleared in April were M˙sica de Mis Recuerdos in Chilpancingo (won by Impulso a la M˙sica Mexicana) and PromociÛn y Fomento Cultural A.C. in Cintalapa, Chis. (the other two applications, it is worth noting, came in 17 minutes apart on the same day in 2009 while this was sent in 2013). PFC would not have won anyway ó as mentioned here before, it is a social wolf for Grupo Radio Digital. In fact, given how the two came in at the same time, they actually awarded two stations instead of the planned one.

April 25 also saw the approval of technical changes not only for XHACN and XHZS/Sin. but for XHJS, XHSK (also an A90 clear), XHBD and XHV.

Last edited by Raymie; 05-25-2018 at 10:20 PM
(Raymie Humbert, Phúnix AZ, May 25, WTFDA Forum via DXLD)

The ribbon was cut for XHPQGA-FM yesterday, with Michoac·n's governor Silvano Aureoles in attendance.
http://www.timonel.mx/2018/05/26/inauguran-primera-estacion-de-radio-local-de-quiroga/

This is Quiroga's first station, and while XHPQUI-FM (Mich.) also exists, the Acustik Michoac·n network does not appear to have any local origination, so it will also be the only one transmitting from the municipality (Raymie, May 27, ibid.)

A few notes about social stations:

FCSM still on the prowl: The award of XHARB-FM Ensenada to FCSM also revealed just a few station applications for Radio MarÌa that are still in the balance. They are for stations at LeÛn, Pachuca, Tonal· (Jalisco ó*Guadalajara area) and Montemorelos, Nuevo LeÛn.

Who's behind the name? Arte y Cultura en Solidaridad is owned by Manuel Isaac and Fayne YazmÌn Caballero Colli. Culturalmente Chetumal was formed by Yesenia Monserrat Hern·ndez Molina and Natalia Alc·ntara RamÌrez.

And now, I have something special, an exclusive report on social stations in Jalisco. Let's just say it's wild.

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Social Frequencies, Social Wolf: Frecuencias Sociales, A.C.

Frecuencias Sociales, A.C., won three stations in Jalisco in the social station fever that swept the IFT recently. These are:

XHTUJ 91.5 Tuxpan
XHTOJ 90.1 Tomatl·n
XHPVT 97.5 Puerto Vallarta

It has additional station applications in the pipeline at El Arenal, Jalisco and Cuernavaca, Morelos. But who is Frecuencias Sociales?

The first place to start looking for answers is to find the holderís legal representative, who signed for its concessions when he physically received them at the IFTís offices. Frecuencias Sociales lists an address in an office building in Tecamachalco, State of Mexico (in the Mexico City metro), and its representative is JosÈ Antonio Aguilar Arellano.

[and non] A name. Where to look next? A search. There wasnít much, but there was something interesting in All Access on December 20, 2010:

ìAnd BRYAN KING is selling the construction permit for a new FM at UVALDE ESTATES, TX to JOSE ANTONIO AGUILAR ARELLANO for $60,000.î

Uvalde Estates, Texas? Weíve crossed the border! This FM station was ultimately built as KEWP on 93.5 MHz. Itís not alone in Aguilarís American radio holdings, which include another two stations he owns fully. These are KCOT 96.3 in Cotulla and KGDL 92.1 Trent, which boasts a translator K290BV in Abilene. All carry the La Mejor format ó the only Texas stations on the MVS site.

When I wrote Wikipediaís stub articles on these stations, I thought a long time about the callsign of the Trent station. KGDL is an odd callsign, having nothing to do with Trent, Abilene, Texas or the name of the format. Of course, anyone with a knowledge of Mexican broadcasting, or really Mexico, knows that GDL means Guadalajara ó *thereís an XHGDL-FM now, and XHG used to go by ì4 GDLî in the late 90s. Guadalajara is the capital of the state of Jalisco, where JosÈ Antonio Aguilar apparently now has three social stations.

Yet that was not all that was curiousÖ

Aguilar owned two additional stations, KHAV in Sabinal and KOTX at Hebbronville. These stations donít have any online presence; the WTFDA DB lists them as being La Mejor. Aguilar, though, is not the outright owner of KHAV or KOTX. He instead owns 75 percent of them through a company called 35 Communications.

In American radio, and particularly with people like this, a 75/25 split suggests a potential foreign minority owner. 35 Communicationsís FCC ownership reports indeed list the 25% owner as a Mexican citizen,

ElÌas Navarro.

If Mexican broadcasting is a family business, it brings with it recognizable family names across the country. Aguirre. Ibarra. Pereda. Vargas. Rivas. Ferr·ez. Broadcasting families that have passed down last names and station groups over the decades.

Seeing Navarro told me to look in San Luis PotosÌ.

ElÌas Navarro MartÌnez was one of the principal men behind the establishment and consolidation of FM radio in San Luis PotosÌ. He started XHOD and XHPM and quickly hooked up with one JoaquÌn Vargas GÛmez. These stations formed the Centro de Frecuencia Modulada. In 2009, the MVS-CFM partnership in San Luis merged with Controladora de Medios, run by the Torres Corzo family, to form what is today the stateís radio giant: GlobalMedia. Navarro MartÌnez died in 2013, but ElÌas Navarro P·ramo is today the groupís vice president.

In September, at GlobalMediaís anniversary dinner, it was Navarro P·ramo who made a big splash, announcing the creation of GlobalMedia Texas. According to the GlobalMedia report of the dinner, GlobalMedia Texas ìwill inform the 8.6 million Mexicans in the cities of Houston, Dallas, San Antonio, Laredo and Austin about happenings on both sides of the borderî, and P·ramo is the ìpresident of the GlobalMedia Networkî project.
https://www.globalmedia.mx/articles/GlobalMedia-celebra-11-aniversario-anuncia-proyecto-en-Texas

In 2015, GlobalMedia Texas was incorporated as a concern in Texas by Navarro P·ramo. There is also a GlobalMedia Network, LLC, which indeed has an American radio holding. It owns K229BJ 93.7 in Hollywood Park, Texas, a San Antonio rimshot, currently retransmitting Catholic station KJMA; FCC filings list its source as Christian station KBNL in Laredo.

GlobalMedia Network, whose president is Christian Wertz, was essentially formerly Mega Media, LLC. Mega Media also bought in 2015 a translator K231CL at McAllen, Texas. Mega turned around to donate the McAllen station to OrganizaciÛn ICC ó*which uses it to repeat KHBE, a station that it owns and which was formerly owned by Aguilar ó at the same time it bought the Hollywood Park translator from ICC. (Worth noting: Carlos Sesma represented Mega Media in 2015, from an office in Chicago, and there is one mention of Christian Wertz directing Radio Aztl·n in Nayarit in 2009.)

It is hard to see a network with a presence in major cities here.

There is, of course, an interesting footnote.

The same news reports about GlobalMedia expanding into the US also mention another new radio holding ó*a station in Puerto Vallarta that was bought outright.
http://www.elexpres.com/2015/nota.php?story_id=153913

The GlobalMedia report says this is 95.9 XHCJU-FM, the Ke Buena station in Vallarta, which was owned by Luis Carlos Mendiola Codina's Riviera ComunicaciÛn. (XHCJU doesn't seem to have many signs of an actual owner around on social media.)

Just 1,600 kilohertz away from XHPVT.

Corrected to specify the current program source of K229BJ.

Last edited by Raymie; 05-29-2018 at 10:31 PM. Reason: K229BJ is // KJMA, not KBNL (Raymie, May 29, ibid.)

Who's on first? What's on second?

The second-wave-induced changes at OIR San Luis RÌo Colorado will have you thinking of the old Abbott and Costello routine.

OIR has four stations on AM: XEMW 1260, XELBL 1350, XECB 1460, and XEEH 1520. It also has two FMs, XHSLR 107.9 and XHDY 107.1 (the latter historically the station of Ciudad Morelos, Baja California). It is a hegemon in San Luis radio.

Entering this month, XEMW was "Sonido Zeta" grupera, XELBL was Radio Centro with talk, XECB was Radio Ranchito ranchera, and XEEH was...apparently something called Radio …xitos. (Only XEMW and XECB have nighttime authorization.) XHSLR is La Consentida, their primary station and a 100,000-watt blowtorch. XHDY was "RÌo Digital", a pop format evicted from XHLPS-FM when it left OIR management (the current format of 102.5 is unknown).

Second-wave migration gave OIR the chance to migrate two stations. It chose XEMW, now XHEMW-FM 91.1, and XELBL, now XHLBL-FM 93.9, and it kicked off a massive format shuffle affecting multiple stations in its group.

RÌo Digital moved to XHLBL in mid-May, and XHDY is now a combo with XECB's Radio Ranchito programming. Radio Centro, evicted from XELBL, is apparently now on XEMW (why, I have no clue), but I can't find confirmation.

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Meanwhile, XHOK-FM is nearing completion. The Radio Disney 90.9 sign is up at the ACIR studio facility. You can also see the base of the newly installed FM tower.
https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=992312280927945&set=pcb.1699573816804258&type=3&theater&ifg=1

Right behind it is XHPCMQ-FM, Ultra for Cadereyta de Montes (Qro.) on 92.3 MHz. The studios at Madero 22 are just a few blocks from the stick on Calle Morelos s/n, according to a local source.

Este programa es p˙blico, ajeno a cualquier partido polÌtico. Queda prohibido el uso para fines distintos a los establecidos en el programa [tagline] (Raymie, May 31, ibid.)

** MONGOLIA. 4830, Mongolian Radio 3, on May 28, from 1210+; nice strong carrier, but no audio; 4895 remains silent, with 7260 being just too much of a mess to differentiate the several stations there. Also reported to me being heard today by Jim Young (Calif.) and in WRTH Facebook: "Japanese DXing BBS Information. 4830kHz Mongolian Radio return on air. 7260kHz parallel" posted by Hiroyuki Okamura.

Previously heard carrier on 4830, on May 24, at 1120 till checking past 1228 (Ron Howard, Ocean Beach [San Francisco], CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, WOR iog via WORLD OF RADIO 1932, DXLD)

** NEW ZEALAND. Cook Islands Kiwi Propagation -- "Trackside" Indeed

Although the Cook Islands are roughly 2,000 miles (3,220 km) from New Zealand, the straight ocean path made many of the Kiwi signals sound like locals, regardless of their power. I'm still sorting through about 100 NZ recordings made during my 5 day trip to Aitutaki last month, but several of the Kiwi sunset skip signals demonstrate the effect in pretty awesome fashion.

828 TAB Trackside Radio Palmerston North, NZ, 2 kW You can almost smell the horses as the low power TAB Trackside leaves the Aussie 3GI way down in the dust at 0835 UTC on 4-10. TAB Trackside also showed up on four other frequencies
https://dreamcrafts.box.com/s/t73cumjyelggta9dgk94nyu23lv3wzol

936 Chinese Voice Auckland, NZ, 1 kW The low power ethnic station pounds in at S9 for this TOH recording at 0800 UTC on 4-10, featuring multiple Chinese ID's and a mention of their FM affiliate (and website)
https://dreamcrafts.box.com/s/jp8cmpqmmxbjm6bruj601g5y0i4j66f5

1440 Te Reo O Tauranga Moana Tauranga, NZ, 200 watts In one of the wackiest moments of the entire trip. the 200w Maori language station

hijacks the frequency from the 10 kW Radio Kiribati at 0807 UTC on 4-11 (thanks to Theo for language identification)
https://dreamcrafts.box.com/s/2jpcqtll1odzjbrxak8u00brzpqr2uba

(Gary DeBock (DXing in Aitutaki, Cook Islands with a 7.5" loopstick CC Skywave SSB Ultralight), May 26, IRCA at HCDX via DXLD)

** NEW ZEALAND. 7425, May 23 at 1156 familiar tune with percussion dumps off the air for about a semi-minute and resumes amid same music with weaker signal. Circa 1200 is not a time RNZI normally changes antennas and there is certainly no bell bird or QSY announcement, unlike an hour later when 7425 goes to 5980; sked still shows: ``1059-1258 7425 Solomon Islands, PNG Daily``, i.e. the only transmission on NNW antenna only, before and after on the NNE better for us. The midnight news at 1200 starts with attack on a doctor in PNG (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1932, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NICARAGUA. VANDALISM GROUPS ATTACK NICARAGUAN RADIO STATION
http://plenglish.com/index.php?o=rn&id=28704&SEO=vandalism-groups-attack-nicaraguan-radio-station

Managua, May 28 (Prensa Latina [CUBA]) Vandalism groups today attacked and burned the facilities of Tu Nueva Radio Ya, while the situation of the workers and journalists inside the radio station is unknown.

Shortly before the communications were interrupted, the radio announcers denounced during a live broadcast that the attack was irresponsibly promoted by Canal 100% Noticias and its reporters.

This TV station assured that from the radio station groups described here as criminals - entrenched in the National University of Engineering - were being attacked.

This was denied by the journalist of Tu Nueva Radio Ya Bismarck Garcia, who accused 100% Noticias of being irresponsible and inciting violence and hatred among Nicaraguans.

'We hold Mr. Miguel Mora (owner of the aforementioned channel) responsible for the attacks that the staff of Tu Nueva Radio Ya and our facilities may receive, our radio has been stoned and attacked with mortars,' Garcia said.

Here we are contradicting those who point us as causing the attacks on people who are in the streets. We do not incite violence, nor do we create false news, he added.

A few minutes later the signal was interrupted, while television images showed how hooded persons were firing mortars from the outside

against the radio station, located in a central place in Managua.

Meanwhile, the situation of the personnel who were at the time of the attack inside Tu Nueva Radio Ya is unknown.

A few hours early, criminal groups burned the headquarters of the Prosecutor's Office in Masaya department (west), according to commissioner Ramon Avellan.

The attackers also fired homemade mortars at the police station and tried to loot other facilities and businesses.

Three firefighters units managed to put out the fire, while the uniformed personnel remained in the barracks as agreed in the National Dialogue, he reported.

These attacks are added to the wave of violence that has been unleashed throughout Nicaragua for more than a month.

The escalation of violence broke out on April 18 against social security executive reforms, later repealed, but did not stop the protests.

According to observers, such reforms served as a pretext to launch a plan directed from abroad with the objective of destabilizing the nation and provoking the overthrow of the government. hr/rly/pgh/acl (via Mike Cooper, DXLD)

WTFK? 96.9 in Managua, per WRTH 2018 page 305 (gh, DXLD)

** NIGERIA. 7255-, May 27 at 0613, VON is off again.

7254.932, May 29 at 0548 tune-in, surprised to find Voice of Nigeria bigsig aimed USward on the air already and in English! Hard to follow the speaker with heavy accent, soon into music break, 0551 talking again, discussion about opulence, but cut off the air abruptly at 0553:16* --- so I guess VON was just tuning up for the 0600 Hausa broadcast.

Recheck at 0607 however, is back on and again in English, about the economy. Talkers on this transmitter are generally very bassy, so PBT to boost the treble helps a little. May have been a special event about Nigeria`s corruption, likely back to Hausa hour hence (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1932, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NIGERIA [non]. 7220, May 29 at 0547, S9 but poor signal, presumed R. Dandal Kura, as sked this hour only, 100 kW, 167 degrees via FRANCE. Another hour I hear even less is 06-07 on 11910, ditto (Glenn

Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

Radio Dandal Kura International via MBR Issoudun, May 25:
0500-0600 7220 ISS 100 kW / 167 deg to CeAf Kanuri, fair/good signal
0600-0700 11910 ISS 100 kW / 167 deg to CeAf Kanuri, very good signal
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/05/reception-of-radio-dandal-kura.html
(Ivo IvanÛv, SWLDXBulgaria News, May 24-25, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Radio Dandal Kura Int & Radio(Ndarason)International on May 29
0600-0700 11910 ISS 100 kW / 167 deg CeAf Kanuri Radio Dandal Kura
Int.
0700-0800 13810 WOF 250 kW / 165 deg WeAf French/Kanuri R.
International
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/05/reception-of-radio-dandal-kura-int.html
(Ivo IvanÛv, SWLDXBulgaria News, May 28-29, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NIGERIA [non]. SECRETLAND, Radio Nigeria Hausa Sce/Radio of Truth
via SPL Secretbrod, May 27
1800-1900 15110 SCB 050 kW / 195 deg WeAf Hausa Radio Na Gaskiya, fair
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/05/radio-nigeria-hausa-sceradio-of-
truth.html
(Ivo IvanÛv, SWLDXBulgaria News, May 27-28, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORTH AMERICA. Glenn, Concerning the possible location of the YHWH
pirate, I was speculating that he could be in the Mammoth Lakes area.
Caution: This is absolutely pure speculation on my part with no solid
evidence! I am basing it only on my general knowledge of this part of
California. This area is in the Sierra Nevada at about 8000 feet
elevation, it is rural but with basic amenities, and because of the
ski area, would have year-around access. Few other places in the
Sierra would have this combination of characteristics. It is just a
pure guess pulled out of thin air (and the air IS thin at 8000 feet!).

By the way, I finally heard him from 0200 to 0300 UT Friday with poor
to good signal; propagation was really up and down. I see a lot of
errors in his presentation, but at least he does not have a big
audience and presents it without sensationalism, unlike some others.
73, (Art Peterson, Richmond, CA, May 26, WORLD OF RADIO 1932, DX
LISTENING DIGEST)

7470, USA (Pirate), YHWH at 0413. At tune-in, scanning the dial on
Satellit 205/5000 (verified with digital receiver), right in the
middle of Days of Hard Life, to "Josiah" and his usual. Went out at
0443 with that "loose wire" sound that they/he often goes off with.
Good reception. May 23 Barton-AZ

7470, YHWH (religious pirate) at 0245, usual lecture with Josiah.
Everything cut out at 0255, although, at 0257, Josiah could be heard

way way out in the mud. Came back up with creepy Days of Hard Life song played at 0315. Good (mostly) May 24 Barton-AZ

7470, YHWH (religious pirate) at 0415. Confirmed on with Josiah in progress, days of Hard Life song at 0420. Suddenly went off at 0422. Good May 25 Barton-AZ

7470, USA (religious pirate), YHWH at 0217, coming up out of the mud and staying solidly at Very Good level. Dropped way down at 0250; Good on rechecks at 0400, 0420. 0429, talk of end times, Days of Hard Life song. Closing announcements and off at 0432. Mostly Good, May 27

7470, USA (religious pirate), YHWH at 0340. Confirmed on the air with Josiah and S-9 signal, mocking Christianity with sarcastic "Keep up the good work". Numerous frequency checks from 0200 on, yielded nothing, then found it here after my last check at 0300. At 0415, new material, trashing Memorial Day, and not the old canned stuff. Didn't hear "Days of Hard Life" this time around, unless ran was before 0340 when I was away from the dials. Closed suddenly at 0427. Good May 28

7470, YHWH at 0200. Tonight was a return to the pre-recorded stuff from the past. Very good signal that I was able to monitor on a portable with stock whip. The creepy Days of Hard Life song went out around 0300, more lecturing, then suddenly closed at 0426. Good - May 29. note : logscale #54.

7470, YHWH at 0256. Suddenly came up out of the static on radio set to monitor this frequency. Weak. Signal much stronger after 0300. Strange Days of Hard Life at 0400 followed by good ID. Went off suddenly at 0409. May 30

(Rick Barton, Logs from Central Arizona. Hopefully useful information for someone can be picked out of here. Times/Dates in UTC. English used unless otherwise stated. Grundig Satellit 205/5000 & 750; RS SW-2000629, HQ-200 & HQ-180A with various outdoor wires. Use of portables noted where relevant for perspective on signal strength comments. 73 and Good Listening....! -rb, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

If you should be tuned to 7470 for YHWH at 0450, listen out for this: (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

NUMBERS STATION: Reception of E11 Oblique in 49, 19 and 31mb, May 28:
0450-0453 on 7469 unknown secret tx site to Eu English USB mode, good
0600-0603 on 15800 unknown secret tx site to Eu English USB mode, fair
0745-0748 on 9610 unknown secret tx site to Eu English USB mode, good
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/05/reception-of-e11-oblique-in-49-19-and.html
(Ivo IvanÛv, SWLDXBulgaria News, May 27-28, WORLD OF RADIO 1932, DX

LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORTH AMERICA. 6972-AM, May 27 at 0111, EZL music at S7-S5, 0120 more like jazz. The first of four active pirates I find bandscanning downward, and the weakest. They are out in force for the Memorial Day weekend. 0153, still weak music after some others have stopped. Also UNIDENTIFIED for this thread covering 0100-0230, but some getting a much stronger signal are impressed by the audio quality:
https://www.hfunderground.com/board/index.php/topic,42903.0.html
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORTH AMERICA. 6950-USB, May 27 at 0113, pirate music at S9+5; 0125 SSTV, 0128 off. Suspected Wolverine Radio and so confirmed by numerous logs here ranging 0022-0125, including captures of the SSTV image:
https://www.hfunderground.com/board/index.php/topic,42899.0.html
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORTH AMERICA. 6930-USB, May 27 at 0114, pirate music, soft jazz at S9+25, even stronger than 6950. 0119, this one emits SSTV, 0120 plays ``Ride of the Valkyries`` complete, 0125 seguÈ to more triumphal classical music; 0127 ``Heard it on the Grapevine``. 0130 more SSTV; 0132 music resumes; 0136 SSTV to 0140, seems to go off, but back with more to 0142 and nothing further. Also unID here but with SSTV captures showing it`s pro-Confederacy:
https://www.hfunderground.com/board/index.php/topic,42904.0.html
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORTH AMERICA. 6880-AM, May 27 at 0131, it`s John IDing for his ``VORW Radio International``, S5-S8 vs storm crashes, 0132 thanking pirate relay of his show last week on 6880 (so here it is again), greeting various reception reporters. Still on with VORW past 0154. It`s The Relay Station, which had been on as early as 2152 May 26 with other programming, and VORW from 0055:
https://www.hfunderground.com/board/index.php/topic,42894.0.html
including lots of SSTV images. TRS himself posted here:
https://www.hfunderground.com/board/index.php/topic,42894.msg158380.html#msg158380

[sic, unedited:] ``thanks gentleman !
i hope everyone is having a fabulous weekend !
i did my best to send out confirmation reports based on the time reported in this forum thread
(https://www.hfunderground.com/board/index.php/topic,42699.0.html)
from 5/19 to everyone i could obtain an email address from, i hope i didnt make any errors since i did each one individually.
for those of you that did not get the confirmation report for 5/19 and wish to have one, you can send me an email at shortwavepirate@aol.com and i will make you one.
tonight's shows will be two "Stasi" shows and one VORW show as

requested by the producers who created them, thanks to you !
edit 1: (im not sure how well the SSTV will work through AM due to phase issues caused by fade but i guess we will see)
edit 2: im currently having some slight power issues, line voltage has been dropping below 240VAC, down to 200VAC several times and hovering around 210VAC, seems to be an issue with the 7.2KV supply to the step-down transformer, kind of annoying watching the power fluctuate all over the place on the ACV-RMS needle meter.
edit 3: props and hats off to powerhouse Wolverine Radio ;)
´ Last Edit: Today at 00:39 by TheRelayStation ª
Logged 6880 Khz AM 50W/500W - shortwavepirate@aol.com``
(Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1932, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

SW Pirates: North American: 6880 AM started at 2257 19/May - The Relay Station - replay of VORW International. Very eclectic mix including newer songs (Beastie Boys, Coldplay, Ben Folds Five) and oldies (The Fifth Dimension, Frank Sinatra, Rolling Stones, CCR) between talking/QSL reports.

6880 AM, 0100 20/May changed over to a relay of Radio Free Connecticut with pop and country songs

6880 AM, 0220 20/May switched to UNID playing covers of pop and rock songs (Tom Doerr, Mt Morris MI, Tecsun PL-880 with Diamond D130J, MARE Tipsheet via WORLD OF RADIO 1932, DXLD)

** NORTH AMERICA. 6950-USB, May 28 at 0202, pirate music at S7 vs noise level, off at 0226 recheck. Never heard any announcements, and meanwhile distracted by other pirates during another active evening. These logs say it was Radio Free, Whatever, all the way from 2252 UT May 27 to 0214* May 28:
https://www.hfunderground.com/board/index.php/topic,42944.15.html
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORTH AMERICA. 6950-USB, pirate music S7 May 28 at 0240, 0253 S9. Never heard any announcements; unsure whether same as previous 6950 log, RFW, but HFU logs say after 0229 it was Wild 100:
https://www.hfunderground.com/board/index.php/topic,42956.0.html
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORTH AMERICA. 6955-USB, May 28 at 0202, S9 pirate with old-time standup comedy routine, screaming, and roars of audience laughter. 0204 SSTV; 0206 back to comedy about Methodist baptism sprinkling vs immersion, hee hee. Off by 0226. These logs say it was Skippy Radio, with several SSTV images:
https://www.hfunderground.com/board/index.php/topic,42951.0.html
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORTH AMERICA. 6970-AM, May 28 at 0203, JBA carrier; 0227 trace of modulation, S4 vs high storm noise level. Also unID for all these: https://www.hfunderground.com/board/index.php/topic,42955.0.html (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORWAY. ALL ABOUT RADIO NORTHERN STAR --- L%nkar till Svenn Martinsens presentation pÂ konventet via Gˆte Lindstrˆm

Hej! Jag fick l%nkar till Svenns presentation frÂn konventet och en del annan information. Kan du som har alla e-postadresser upplagda skicka ut den till medlemmarna. Ha en fortsatt fin sˆndag. H%lsningar Gˆte

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(via Thomas Nilsson, Sweden, May 27, WORLD OF RADIO 1932, DXLD)

** OKLAHOMA [and non]. The stream of KUCO-FM, our only classical music station, has been unlistenable lately, still running but with poor audio. I`d rather hear it direct on 90.1, but reception there is seldom solid noise-free, let alone during stereo music. KUCO tells me their old worn-out computer handling the streaming is going to be replaced. I also lobby for them to put a translator on in Enid.

Meanwhile, to hear one of my favorite programs this week, `The Score` of cinemusic, I had to listen to stream from its originating station KQAC in Oregon, Saturday May 26 at 2100 UT (and repeated Sunday same time)(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. 3260, May 23 at 1138, song at S5 vs noise crashes at S9, but R. Madang is stronger than it used to be as Ron Howard has noted, in fact the SSOB; compared to 3325 JBA carrier from Bougainville or Palangkaraya; and no NK signals audible on 90m, altho detectable on 105, and/or jamming on 75, 66, 49m (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Glenn, Yes indeed, May 23, also noted NBC Madang (3260) with their continuing very decent reception; 1059 till cut off at 1201*; in Pidgin; segments with announcer and also music segments (nice selection of Pacific Islands pop songs); certainly much better reception than heard last year.

BTW - There was no NBC Bougainville (3325) during the same time period today; only RRI heard with weak signal.

3260, NBC Madang (Maus Blong Garamut), on May 24, noted off the air today; 1116+.

On May 26, mostly with pop music; 1136-1201* cut off

3260, NBC Madang (Maus Blong Garamut), on May 27, with Sunday programs of mostly religious music, till cut off at 1204*; QRN (static).

May 28, from 1128 till cut off at 1204*; DJ in Pidgin playing pop songs (Glen Campbell - "Rhinestone Cowboy," etc.); 1155 with montage of clips from pop songs, along with "NBC Madang" ID; QRN (static) (Ron Howard, Ocean Beach [San Francisco], CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, WOR iog via WORLD OF RADIO 1932, DXLD)

[and non]. UNID at 1015 UT on May 26 noted 3259.9955 kHz measured, probably PNG R Madang S=5 or -91dBm in remote Seoul KOR SDR site. Accompanied by an local spurious signal on 3262.2 kHz of VoP 3480v kHz. 73 wb (Wolfgang B¸schel, remote Seoul KOR SDR site, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) see also Bougainville

** PERU [and non]. Hi Glenn, After about 5 years away from radio listening, last Christmas Eve I resumed and turned on my 28 years old JRC NRD 525 receiver, connecting it to Alpha Delta DX-SWL Sloper-S antenna. Also I recovered an older Bearcat DX 1000 receiver, which was into its dust-covered box at cellar. I thought it did not work, but it still works good with new 1 Ampere wall power supply, and sometimes I turn it on. I hope to have more spare time for shortwave radio-listening during next weeks.

In evidence Radio Tarma, Peru on 4774.90 kHz (very rare here in Italy)

n. 002 - MAY 2018: Gianni Serra - Roma-Italy

Email: gioser_dx@fastwebnet.it Equipment: JRC NRD 525 receiver; Alpha Delta DX-SWL Sloper-S antenna; RG 8 mini coaxial cable; JPS NIR 12 Noise & Interference Reducer-Dual DSP outboard audio filter; JRC NVA 319 external loudspeaker unit; Sony MDR-101 stereo headphones; All times in UTC (Coordinated Universal Time); date in month/day format -- - Here some logs: [full report in the WOR iog]

4774.90, PERU, Radio Tarma, 05-19-2018, 0105-0202*, LA fast ballads and one romantic song, with men DJ fast talk after each song (mostly unclear), man excited announcement (at 0122), other man unclear brief announcement, fast ballads and DJ talk, 2 men announcements (all unclear), with frequency quote and presumed ID at 0200, slow music, brief carrier on only and S/OFF at 0202 -- heard in USB (from 0115 in LSB), QRM moderate ute, fast QSB and strong QRN, almost fair/poor.

4774.90, Radio Tarma Internacional in Spanish, 05-27-2018, 0100-0201*, fade in at about 0100 but sound heard from 0104, LA ballads with man DJ, fast unclear talk, other man excited unclear announcements and IDs at times (sometimes over music), man talk, music pause with other man talk with final IDs and frequency quote (mostly unclear), slow music pause and s/off at 0201, heard in SSB with strong QRN statics and fast QSB, lite ute QRM, barely audible/poor. ----- in //
http://www.radiotarma.com
in streaming (Radio en vivo - musica variada tropical andina - heard clear IDs during talk in streaming only as Radio Tarma Internacional en la banda de sesenta metros; Radio Tarma Internacional; Radio Tarma; Radio Tarma Internacional, sesenta aÒos de historia)
(Gianni Serra, Roma-Italy, WORLD OF RADIO 1932, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 5980, May 23 at 2356, JBA carrier from Red Radio Integridad via Radio Chaski, Urubamba, until autocutoff at 2358:43.5* (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PHILIPPINES. 9380, May 26 at 1249, English talk about Nazi Germany, Ephesians, the last day here for FEBC`s ``Chinese`` service; 1251 song

in English about God, 1254 outro title as ``Love Is``, something ``to sing about``, then 1255 finally into Chinese talk by YL at S9-S7.

From May 27, the 10-16 UT FEBC Chinese sextahour is to QSY to 9275, uncovering All India Radio on 9380, where FEBC should never have moved to evacuate original 9430 for the so far imaginary but potentially vital IRDR service.

9275, May 27 at 1325, poor S2-S3 signal in Chinese, first day for FEBC ex-9380, and weaker than that had been, maybe just daily variation if on exactly same parameters as would be expected. Lowest 9 MHz frequency ever for Bocaue? Could be transmitter/antenna not tuning up optimally. 9380 now returned to AIR Aligarh exclusively, but nothing audible now, despite the scheduled 1200*-*1305 break being over (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1932, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Weak to good signal of FEBC Radio on new 9275 May 27:
1000-1600 9275 BOC 100 kW / 345 deg EaAs Chinese, ex 9380, to avoid
till 1200 9380 ALG 250 kW / 188 deg SoAs Hindi AIR Vividh Bharati &
from 1320 9380 ALG 250 kW / 188 deg SoAs Hi/En AIR National Channel
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/05/weak-to-good-signal-of-febc-radio-on.html
(Ivo IvanÛv, SWLDXBulgaria News, May 26-27, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PUERTO RICO. STATIONS GOING DARK: 680, WA2XPA, Arecibo ñ Station deleted; the FCC concluded in November 2016 that AM ìboosters,î originally authorized as experimental technology, are no longer experimental and therefore must be licensed after competitive application for a new AM station. This licensee recently dropped its appeal of the decision.

Formerly silent stations informing FCC that they are back on the air: 1160, WBQN, Barceloneta-Manati ñ Silent Sept. 20 (2017), back on the air with STA Apr. 18 (AM Switch, NRC DX News June 4, published May 27, via DXLD)

** ROMANIA. New public regional station in Transylvania (AM 1197, 1593 kHz and FM) planned

"From 1 October 2018, Romania will have another public regional broadcaster. On 24 May, the Board of Directors of the Romanian Broadcasting Corporation decided to establish the new regional studio Brasov (Kronstadt). Radio Rom,nia Brasov FM is formed by merging the sub-divisions Antena Brasovului of Radio T,rgu Mures and Antena Sibiului of Radio Cluj. Brasov FM will serve the Transylvanian counties Brasov and Sibiu, where the presence of the public service media was so far only weak (according to the statement).

The potential audience consists of the approximately 1 million

inhabitants of the two counties and the numerous domestic and foreign tourists visiting the region. Radio Rom,nia Brasov FM will broadcast from 1 October 2018, initially on 93.3 MHz FM and AM 1197 kHz for Brasov and 1593 kHz for Sibiu. More FM frequencies will be added later. The program will be predominantly in Romanian, but there will also be programs in the languages of local minorities, Hungarian and German." (Sorin Georgescu, German mailbag program of Radio Rom,nia International, 27 May 2018, http://rri.ro/de_de/horerpostsendung_2752018-2582136 translated by Dr Hansjoerg Biener, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ROMANIA. 9730, R. Romania Int. 5/20, 0010-0045, in English. A news update that included: Romanian authorities were to analyze the embassy relocation in Israel, and a brief update on the Shakespeare festival in Bucharest. SIO 333

(+ [same]) 5/21, 0015-0035; the History Show brings up the Phanariote Rule of the Romanian principalities; the 18th century is known as the "Phanariote Century". The name originates from Phanar, one of the districts in Constantinople. 32232

(+) 5/22, 0015-0030; Business Club reveals the wealth beneath the Black Sea: Romania first began deep-sea hydrocarbon exploration there in the 1970's, and for good reason; the sea hides natural gas and oil deposits. SIO 322

(+) 5/23, 0010-0030; "Visit Romania" is a semi-regular segment focusing on tourism areas; this talked about a village in southern Transylvania that was originally a Saxon farming settlement dating back 300 years, open to tourists from April until October. With AudN, 32132

(+) 5/24, 0015-0027; Travellers' Guide describes the commune of Arieseni as one of the entrance points to the Apuseni Nature Park, which hosts a number of outdoor activities, including water sports and hiking; there are also caves in this area. With AudN, 22131

(+) 5/25, 0010-0025, "Green Planet" introduces us to the picturesque Piatra Craiului National Park, located about 200 kilometers away from Bucharest in one of the most spectacular mountain areas of Romania. SIO 222

(+) 5/26, 0020-0045; World of Culture briefly reviews, by synopsis, the short film "Equally Red and Blue", the only Romanian film in competition at the Cannes Film Festival held earlier this month. 43343 (Sives, PA, NASWA Flashsheet May 27 via DXLD) A real RRI fan (gh)

** RUSSIA. Good signal of GTRK Adygeya/Adygeyan Radio on May 27

1800-1900 on 6000 ARM 100 kW / 188 deg to CeAs Ad/Ar/Tu Monday
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/05/good-signal-of-gtrk-adygeyaadygeyan_29.html
(Ivo IvanÛv, SWLDXBulgaria News, May 28-29, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA [non-log]. 7295 & 7345, Radio Sakha, via Yakutsk, remains silent through May 28. Several weeks ago sent off emails to three different addresses I have for them, saying how much I missed hearing their Radio Sakha SW programs and hoped for their return. No response yet (Ron Howard, Ocean Beach [San Francisco], CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, WOR iog via DXLD)

** RUSSIA [and non]. 24th edition of the "Broadcasting in Russian" Handbook

Published by St. Petersburg DX Club, has been recently released. The handbook features ALL radio stations transmitting Russian language broadcasts in AM bands at present, both from Russia and abroad, that could be received in Russia, CIS and surrounding countries (totally 50 stations from 32 countries and territories of the world). Station listings include frequency and programme schedules, transmitter location and power, target areas, postal addresses, phone/fax numbers, Web sites, social network pages, e-mail addresses as well as QSL policy info. The schedules are generally valid until 27 October 2018 (i.e. during A18 broadcasting season).

The Handbook is in Russian and distributed as a hard copy only. Volume is 64 pages of A5 size. Please address your purchase requests and questions to Alexander Beryozkin: dxspb[at]nrec.spb.ru. The price is 6 EUR or 7 USD (including delivery by registered mail). PayPal and Skrill money transfers are accepted. Your comments and suggestions regarding the handbook contents are always welcome (Alexander Berezkin, Sankt-Petersburg, Russia, RusDX May 17 via DXLD)

** SAINT KITTS. 820: See USA: Rick Wiles on WRNO, ex-WRMI

** SAIPAN. 12140.034, May 23 at 1303, RFA in Cambodian, S7-S3, typically off-frequency from this IBB site (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SEYCHELLES [non]. U.K., FEBA Radio, Radio Sama via BaBcoCk Woofferton on May 22
1700-1830 on 15260 WOF 250 kW / 105 deg to N/ME Arabic, good signal
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/05/feba-radio-radio-sama-via-babcock_23.html
(Ivo IvanÛv, SWLDXBulgaria News, May 22-24, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOLOMON ISLANDS. Tentative, 5019.999 kHz, SLBC Honiara heard in Seoul KOR, S=5 weak carrier only ? at 1105 UT on May 26. 73 (Wolfgang

B¸schel, remote Seoul KOR SDR site, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SPAIN. Reception of Radio Exterior de EspaÒa, 2 of 4 freqs, May 26
1355-1400 open carrier / dead air, instead of IS & frequency announcement!
1400-1800 15520 NOB 200 kW / 110 deg N/ME Spanish Sat/Sun, fair/good
1400-1800 17715 NOB 200 kW / 230 deg SoAm Spanish Sat/Sun, no signal
1400-1800 17855 NOB 200 kW / 290 deg ENAm Spanish Sat/Sun, very good
1400-1800 21620 NOB 200 kW / 161 deg WCAf Spanish Sat/Sun, no signal
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/05/reception-of-radio-exterior-de-espana_27.html
(Ivo IvanÛv, SWLDXBulgaria News, May 26-27, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SRI LANKA. Reception of Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation SLBC on May 28
1115-1215 9720 TRM 125 kW / 345 deg SoAs Hin/Mal/Hin/Tam, weak/fair
1630-1730 11750 TRM 125 kW / 345 deg N/ME Sinhala City FM, fair/good
1700-1800 11835 TRM 125 kW / 345 deg SoAs Tamil, fair to good signal
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/05/reception-of-sri-lanka-broadcasting_29.html
(Ivo IvanÛv, SWLDXBulgaria News, May 28-29, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SUDAN SOUTH [non]. VOA "South Sudan in Focus" via Meyerton and Lampertheim, May 25
1630-1700 11910 MEY 100 kW / 015 deg SDN English Mon-Fri, weak/fair
1630-1700 15180 LAM 100 kW / 132 deg SDN English Mon-Fri, very good
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/05/voa-south-sudan-in-focus-via-meyerton.html
(Ivo IvanÛv, SWLDXBulgaria News, May 24-25, WORLD OF RADIO 1932, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SUDAN SOUTH. RADIO MIRAYA JOURNALIST HELD BY MEDIA AUTHORITY
Obaj Shago | May 29, 2018 | 4:57 pm
http://www.eyeradio.org/radio-miraya-journalist-held-media-authority/

Radio Miraya journalist, Sani Martin. [portrait]

A journalist working for the UN radio is being held by the media authority in Juba. Sani Martin was picked this afternoon at the ministry of parliamentary affairs.

This is according to journalists who were at the time covering a press conference by the minister of information, Michael Makuei. They said security men in black suits confiscated Martin's tools, including his phone, recorder and notebook - before whisking him away.

One of the journalists who chose anonymity told Eye Radio that the reporter is being held at the Media Authority premise in Juba.

The motive behind his arrest is not yet clear. When contacted by Eye Radio, the Director of Media Authority said he was not aware of the detention.

Elijah Alier said Radio Miraya is not registered anyway. In March, the Media Authority ordered for closure of the UN radio over what it calls "persistent non-compliance" and "refusal to be regulated" under the country's media laws.

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  00:00-06:00
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* 00:00 - Midnight Music: Shuffle
* 07:00 - Dawn Show
* 08:00 - News Hour: English
* 08:30 - Dawn Show
* 09:00 - News Hour: Arabic
* 09:30 - Soundtrack Show
* 13:00 - News Hour: English
* 13:30 - News Hour: Arabic
* 14:00 - Rhumba Sukun Sukun
* 16:00 - Unity in Diversity
* 17:00 - Peace for Development: Repeat
* 18:00 - Score-sheet
* 19:00 - News Hour: English
* 19:30 - News Hour: Arabic
* 20:00 - LOD: Lotuho
* 21:00 - News Hour: English
* 21:30 - News Hour: Arabic
* 23:00 - Mix Play Music: Shuffle

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** TAJIKISTAN. 4765, Tajik Radio, Dushanbe-Yangiyul, in Tajik, 05-13-2018, 0057-0115, local chant, music and man announcement, woman and man announcements (poss. ID), choral anthem, local music with woman and man announcements over music, same woman talk with music pause, local instrumental chant, woman talk, music pause and man talk, local song, woman talk, heard better in USB with moderate QRN and fast QSB, lite ute, fair / increasing QRN from 0108, almost fair. (Serra, Roma-Italy)

4765, Tajik Radio, Dushanbe-Yangiyul, in Tajik, 05-19-2018, 0015-0052, local songs, woman talk over slow music with unclear ID (mentioning Radio....), other woman talk over slow music with same unclear IDs alternated by local chants, then same woman and man talk, chant, in // http://mediabay.tv/channels/radioStations/122-RadioiTojikTJ with several seconds of delay from broadcast on shortwaves; heard in USB, fast QSB, moderate QRN, fair, (Serra, Roma-Italy)

4765, Tajik Radio, Dushanbe-Yangiyul, in Tajik, 05-27-2018, 0015-0029, two local chants with instrumental music, man talk with low modulation after first chant, brief music pause, same man talk, choral chant, heard in LSB and from 0020 better in USB with fast QSB and strong QRN statics, poor (Gianni Serra, Roma-Italy, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** THAILAND. New frequency of HSK9 Radio Thailand World Service to WeEu effective from today Fri, May 25:
1800-1900 Thai, 1900-2000 English, 2000-2015 German, 2030-2045 English, 2045-2115 Thai, NF 9920, ex 9390. Videos will be added later today -- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, Bulgaria, May 25, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Fair-to-good reception here of R Thailand in Thai on the new frequency of 9920 kHz from 1800 UT sign-on. Thanks to Ivo Ivanov in WOR-iog for the tip (Alan Roe, Teddington, UK, 1808 UT May 25, bdxc-news iog via DXLD)

Good signal even on a portable here in Germany. vy73 (Harald Kuhl, 1814 UT, ibid.) Excellent reception in Lytchett Matravers, near Poole (David J Morris, 1818 UT, ibid.)

TAIL¬NDIA, 9920. Maio 28, 2018. 1848-1858, Radio Thailand, Udon-Thani, em TailandÍs. Locutora e locutor apresentam as noticias, suponho; 1850 Cantora interpreta uma canÁ„o; 1854 Continuam as falas. Emissora com recepÁ„o satisfatÛria aquÌ em Cabedelo, 35443. Nota: Na frequÍncia anterior, 9390, a recepÁ„o por aquÌ era bem melhor! (JosÈ Ronaldo Xavier (JRX), Cabedelo-Paraiba, Brasil, HCDX via DXLD)

Frequency changes of HSK9 Radio Thailand World Sce from May 25
1800-1900 NF 9920 UDO 250 kW / 313 deg to WeEu Thai lang,x 9390
1900-2000 NF 9920 UDO 250 kW / 321 deg to WeEu English, ex 9390
2000-2015 NF 9920 UDO 250 kW / 321 deg to WeEu German, ex 9390
2029-2034 NF 9920 UDO 250 kW / 321 deg to WeEu open carrier and
2034-2045 NF 9920 UDO 250 kW / 321 deg to WeEu English, ex 9390
2045-2115 NF 9920 UDO 250 kW / 313 deg to WeEu Thai lang,x 9390
Good signal in all languages from 1800 to 2115 UT on new 9920 kHz
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/05/frequency-changes-of-hsk9-radio.html

Frequency change of Radio Liberty effective from May 25:
1558-1600 on 9920 UDO 250 kW / 311 deg to CeAs, ID in various langs

1600-1700 on 9920 UDO 250 kW / 311 deg to CeAs Uzbek-good, ex 9390
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/05/frequency-change-of-radio-liberty.html
(Ivo IvanÛv, SWLDXBulgaria News, May 24-25, WORLD OF RADIO 1932, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TIBET [non]. TAJIKISTAN, Frequency change of Voice of Tibet, May 23
1300-1313 NF 11628 DB 100 kW / 095 deg to EaAs Chinese, ex 11633
1313-1330 NF 11626 DB 100 kW / 095 deg to EaAs Chinese, ex 11627
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/05/frequency-changes-of-voice-of-tibet-may.html
(Ivo IvanÛv, SWLDXBulgaria News, May 22-24, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

TAJIKISTAN, Frequency change of Voice of Tibet, May 24
1200-1208 NF 11513 DB 100 kW / 095 deg to EaAs Chinese, ex 11517
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/05/frequency-change-of-voice-of-tibet-may_24.html
(Ivo IvanÛv, SWLDXBulgaria News, May 23-24, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TIBET [non]. Frequency changes of Radio Free Asia and Voice of America in Tibetan
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/05/frequency-changes-of-radio-free-asia.html
(Ivo IvanÛv, SWLDXBulgaria News, May 24-25, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

Radio Free Asia
0200-0300 NF 21550 TIN 250 kW / 295 deg to CeAs Tibetan Mon, ex Daily
0200-0300 NF 21560 TIN 250 kW / 295 deg to CeAs Tibetan Tue, ex 21550
0200-0300 NF 21575 TIN 250 kW / 295 deg to CeAs Tibetan Wed, ex 21550
0200-0300 NF 21585 TIN 250 kW / 295 deg to CeAs Tibetan Thu, ex 21550
0200-0300 NF 21595 TIN 250 kW / 295 deg to CeAs Tibetan Fri, ex 21550
0200-0300 NF 21610 TIN 250 kW / 295 deg to CeAs Tibetan Sat, ex 21550
0200-0300 NF 21620 TIN 250 kW / 295 deg to CeAs Tibetan Sun, ex 21550
1000-1100 NF 21465 TIN 250 kW / 295 deg to CeAs Tibetan Mon, ex 21455
1000-1100 NF 21455 TIN 250 kW / 295 deg to CeAs Tibetan Tue, ex Daily
1000-1100 NF 21520 TIN 250 kW / 295 deg to CeAs Tibetan Wed, ex 21455
1000-1100 NF 21565 TIN 250 kW / 295 deg to CeAs Tibetan Thu, ex 21455
1000-1100 NF 21540 TIN 250 kW / 295 deg to CeAs Tibetan Fri, ex 21455
1000-1100 NF 21505 TIN 250 kW / 295 deg to CeAs Tibetan Sat, ex 21455
1000-1100 NF 21475 TIN 250 kW / 295 deg to CeAs Tibetan Sun, ex 21455

Voice of America
0300-0400 NF 21600 PHT 250 kW / 315 deg to CeAs Tibetan Mon, ex Daily
0300-0400 NF 21610 PHT 250 kW / 315 deg to CeAs Tibetan Tue, ex 21600
0300-0400 NF 21620 PHT 250 kW / 315 deg to CeAs Tibetan Wed, ex 21600
0300-0400 NF 21630 PHT 250 kW / 315 deg to CeAs Tibetan Thu, ex 21600
0300-0400 NF 21640 PHT 250 kW / 315 deg to CeAs Tibetan Fri, ex 21600
0300-0400 NF 21650 PHT 250 kW / 315 deg to CeAs Tibetan Sat, ex 21600
0300-0400 NF 21680 PHT 250 kW / 315 deg to CeAs Tibetan Sun, ex 21600
0400-0500 NF 21610 PHT 250 kW / 315 deg to CeAs Tibetan Mon, ex 21600

0400-0500 NF 21620 PHT 250 kW / 315 deg to CeAs Tibetan Tue, ex 21600
0400-0500 NF 21630 PHT 250 kW / 315 deg to CeAs Tibetan Wed, ex 21600
0400-0500 NF 21640 PHT 250 kW / 315 deg to CeAs Tibetan Thu, ex 21600
0400-0500 NF 21650 PHT 250 kW / 315 deg to CeAs Tibetan Fri, ex 21600
0400-0500 NF 21695 PHT 250 kW / 315 deg to CeAs Tibetan Sat, ex 21600
0400-0500 NF 21600 PHT 250 kW / 315 deg to CeAs Tibetan Sun, ex Daily

?????????? ?? Observer ? 7:53 PM (via DXLD) TINian, PHillipinesTinang

** TURKEY. Again very odd frequency of TRT Voice of Turkey on May 24:
1000-1055 on 9655.7 EMR 500 kW / 072 deg to CeAs Georgian, ex 9655
Next transmissions of TRT Voice of Turkey via same transmitter are:
1830-1925 on 9785.7 EMR 500 kW / 310 deg to WeEu English
1930-2025 on 9635.7 EMR 500 kW / 300 deg to WeEu French
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/05/again-very-odd-frequency-of-trt-voice_24.html
(Ivo IvanÛv, SWLDXBulgaria News, May 23-24, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15450.045V, May 24 at 1257, VOT in English talk, music, but VP S4-S6 and wavering slightly (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Another very odd frequency of TRT Voice of Turkey, May 25:
1000-1025 on 9855.7 EMR 500 kW / 032 deg to CeAs Tatar, ex 9855, BUT on May 24 was 9655.7 EMR 500 kW / 072 deg to CeAs Georgian 1000-1055
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/05/another-much-odd-frequency-of-trt-voice.html
(Ivo IvanÛv, SWLDXBulgaria News, May 24-25, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Again another very odd frequency of TRT Voice of Turkey on May 26:
1000-1055 9655.7 EMR 500 kW / 072 deg CeAs Georgian, ex 9655.0 May 25
1000-1025 9855.0 EMR 500 kW / 032 deg CeAs Tatar, ex 9855.7 on May 25
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/05/again-another-very-odd-frequency-of-trt.html
(Ivo IvanÛv, SWLDXBulgaria News, May 25-26, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11980.034, May 26 at 0527, poor S8-S5 talk in presumed T˙rkish past 0530+, an off-frequency rampant from Emirler. This is VOT, 04-06 UT on 310 degrees for western Europe, consequently also North America beyond on same azimuth. This transmission probably still runs the otherwise replaced legacy TRT IS before 0400. Maybe by midsummer this will hold up well enough to enjoy the music? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Good signal of TRT Voice of Turkey on nominal 9655 & 9855 on May 29
1000-1055 9655.0 EMR 500 kW / 072 deg CeAs Georgian, instead of 9655.7 May 24
1000-1025 9855.0 EMR 500 kW / 032 deg CeAs Tatar, instead of 9855.7 on May 25

http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/05/good-signal-of-trt-voice-of-turkey-on.html
(Ivo IvanÛv, SWLDXBulgaria News, May 28-29, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** UGANDA [non]. 9369.962, Sunday May 27 at 1326, new bigsig steady at S9+10 with African music, modulation slightly distorted, and occasional split-second dropouts; what in the world? Keeps going past 1400 with no announcements, let alone any ID. But it`s obviously WWRB reactivated on frequency last used for Brother Scare, and still registered available 13-24 UT, 100 kW at 45 degrees in English [sic], for CIRAF 4 and 9, i.e. Canada east of 90 degrees-west. Yeah, right where there are lots of Ugandans?

This replaces 15240- which had not been heard for a few weeks, i.e. Radio Munansi. We had our doubts 15240 would reach Uganda, and even less so 9370 over a summer day-path, but it`s great into Oklahoma! Luganda talk finally starts at 1504. Music again at 1626 check. Note the offset of 9370- is very close to that of 15240- as previously measured. Presumably the only WWRB transmitter not demolished, so expect it Sat & Sun circa 1300-2100? Ironically, if 15240- were still on now, it would be inbooming with Es boost like TN neighbors 15815 & 15825.

9370-, Sunday May 27 at 1802 recheck in presumed Luganda talk, S9+10/20, R. Munansi via WWRB, usual bad modulation, 1920 still talking; not rechecked until 2157 when it`s off. Should be back Saturday as early as 1300 (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1932, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9370, USA, WWRB ñ Manchester, TN. (Presumed), 1440, 5/27/18, in Luganda. Afropop in several styles until 1503 when man starts to talk and continues through 1600 with no ID and with many mentions of Uganda; ends with prayer or similar with many mentions of Uganda, Afropop music including a song at 1647 mentioning Uganda many times in frequent choruses, 1705 orchestra anthem (I didnít check if it was the Ugandan National Anthem), hymn like song by a choir into another long talk by the same man at 1710, brief radio play into more Afropop music. Still going at 1720 when other things called. Presumed Radio Munansi via WWRB. Very good (Mark Taylor, Madison, Wisconsin. Perseus, Airspy HF+, SDRPlay RSP1; ICOM R75, Tecsun PL 880, and various other portables; 42 meters dipole, 100í long wire, W6LVP loop, NASWA Flashsheet May 27 via WORLD OF RADIO 1932, DXLD)

** U K. There is an interesting article about the BBC Monitoring Service on the BBC Berkshire website.

BBC MONITORING: THE EARS THAT LISTENED TO HISTORY IN THE MAKING
By Michael Race BBC News 30 May 2018

http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-berkshire-44239787
(David Harris, bdxc-news iog via DXLD)

Thanks for the link. There was an interview with the Monitoring Service people yesterday afternoon around 1400 GMT on "Outside Source" from the BBC World Service radio (received on DAB). Regards, (Ian Brooks, ibid.)

** U K [non]. SECRETLAND Reception of BBC via SPL Secretbrod [= Kostinbrod = Sofia, BULGARIA] on May 25:
till 1815 on 9545 SCB 100 kW / 195 deg to EaAf BBC Announcement
1815-1830 on 9545 SCB 100 kW / 195 deg to EaAf Tigrinya Mon-Fri
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/05/reception-of-bbc-via-spl-secretbrod-on.html
(Ivo IvanÛv, SWLDXBulgaria News, May 24-25, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

HFCC A18 has 5 entries for BBCWS via SOF including 9545 M-F 1730-1830:
http://www.hfcc.org/data/schedbybrc.php?seas=A18&broadc=BBC
(Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 6993, May 24 at 0000, JBA carriers, at least two beating from slightly different frequencies. Often audible but not logged since last September as in DXLD 17-37; from presumed WH2XWF, experimental 164-watt transmitters with several locations in Florida, to study ionospheric disturbances, never IDing, nothing but dead air. The original info about these was in:
http://www.w4uvh.net/dxld1616.txt
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. A HUGE STORY -- TECHNICAL BREAKDOWN AT VOA
Wednesday, May 23, 2018 1:56 AM

https://twitter.com/DanRobinsonDC/status/999106681987649536
(Dan Robinson, WORLD OF RADIO 1932, DX LISTENING DIGEST) leading to:

https://twitter.com/DanRobinsonDC
Former White House, Congressional and Foreign Correspondent in Transition, Potomac, MD

Dan Robinson @DanRobinsonDC 1h1 hour ago

Catastrophic technical breakdown @VOANews began LAST FRIDAY... employees blaming mismanagement at @VOANews and @BBGgov... internal comms call outage and disruptions "debilitating"

Dan Robinson added, 1h1 hour ago

Latest internal comms call @VOANews technical breakdown "very

serious"... could last "for weeks...." "Difficult situation"

https://t.co/4rJVsXXpes
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http://bbgwatch.com/bbgwatch/voice-of-america-reporters-blame-bbg-voa-top-brass-for-digital-failures/

VOICE OF AMERICA REPORTERS BLAME BBG, VOA TOP BRASS FOR DIGITAL FAILURES

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BBG Watch Commentary EXCLUSIVE from Voice of America Reporters

The Dalet system used by Voice of America (VOA) reporters to receive, process, store and transmit digital data used for VOA video, TV, radio and online content is once again experiencing one of its many catastrophic failures. VOA reporters have been sending desperate confidential messages to our BBG Watch watchdog website about VOA broadcasts being interrupted. They say they are afraid that if they complain directly to top managers, Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG) CEO John F. Lansing and VOA Director Amanda Bennett, they will be branded as not being good team players.

Recently, VOA women reporters said that they were afraid to complain to VOA and BBG management about a Twitter account of a fellow employee which included erotic content degrading women. VOA reporters who had contacted BBG Watch blame both Lansing and Bennett for not solving the digital system problems during the past two years and allowing them to continue.

Here are some of the messages from Voice of America reporters:
VOICE OF AMERICA REPORTER:

[This may be] interesting to you as another evidence of the failure of management here at VOA/BBG [the Voice of America (VOA) and the Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG)] and lack of priorities and professional expertise among top leaders.

It is already 4 (!!!!) [day] that entire video broadcasting system here at VOA is not working. At all. Nada.

TV production [is] basically paralyzed. We donít have normal access to the wires, video from agencies.

Mr. Lansing [John F. Lansing, BBG CEO and Director] ñ CEO with

experience at commercial industry should understand that such situation is just abnormal. In any commercial networks, such situation would lead to the rolling heads, firings, and resignations. But Lansing keeps silence. No statements about the situation from Amanda [Voice of America (VOA) Director Amanda Bennett] and her multiple deputies.

We have problems with computer systems at least once a week. And in the last couple years, nothing has changed. And despite of all that, VOA and BBG management still talks about projects of new 24/7 channels in English, Farsi, Spanish and Chinese.

Another VOA reporter wrote:
ANOTHER VOICE OF AMERICA REPORTER

There is a major technical difficulty at VOA, and it has been going on for almost four days with no resolution in sight (please read the official email below).

I am not a technical person, but as I understand it, what happened was that the Dalet system, which is used for radio and TV production and almost everything else at VOA, such as line-ups, run-downs, news scripts, wire feeds, etc, cannot play any video elements any more. All languages services are asked to store every video element, including show openers and bumpers, onto a hard drive and then played in the control room. This defeats the purpose of having a digital broadcast system such as Dalet.

I have heard from technicians that the root of the problem is that Dalet is technically not capable of handling large scale radio and video broadcasting. No major commercial networks uses Dalet, because of its unreliability and inability. VOA has made the matter worse by relying on Dalet solely for everything.

As of now, the problem remains unsolved and BBG has no clue what went wrong. There are many outside contractors, and each of them denies it is their problem.

The questions then are: who made the decision to purchase the Dalet system in the first place and upgrade it time and again for it to handle all radio and TV production at VOA? Were there sufficient feasibility studies and trouble shooting measures put in place before each upgrade?

Almost all language programs have been affected. For example, the live Mandarin TV show for last Friday afternoon had to be replaced by a repeat, and last Saturday morningís Mandarin TV show did not go out at all. In other words, a major broadcasting blunder.

Instead of giving answers to these questions and shouldering the responsibilities, top VOA management is blaming rank-and-file TV production personnel for ìnot putting everything on a hard driveî and bring it to the control room. As I said earlier, this requirement defeats the purpose of having a digital broadcast system and is beyond the ability of languages services. To put every video element onto a hard drive before a show requires a lot of time and manpower, a luxury that many, if not all, languages services do not have, given the time pressure that they work under and the budget restraint.

Many technicians and journalists at VOA fear that this technical debacle will further hurt VOAís reputation and credibility among millions of its audience and listeners. It will no doubt further crush the morale of the rank-and-file at VOA and BBG, especially now, when a federal employee viewpoint survey is going on right now.

VOA staff was provided by the Management with this explanation:
BBG MANAGEMENT EXPLAINS

Current Status:

The MediaGrid is still down. VOA should be prepared to operate without it and on Emergency Procedures for the next couple of weeks.

TSI is still investigating the issue and working with the vendors to provide a remedy.

TSI is also working towards alternative technical replacement options ñ
1) Set up a new communication path to the MediaGrid and test to ensure appropriate communications
2) Setting up the NEW NetApps media storage that was procured for Dalet Galaxy to replace the MediaGrid

It should be known that both of these options mean that the complete High Resolution Video Storage will be inaccessible for up-to a couple of weeks.

Why will it take so long?
  The alternative solutions mean that new paths and configurations will need to be made internally which take time
  Professional services will need to be called in to set up storage solutions and appropriately map connections which also take time
  The data migration from the old high-resolution video storage to the new storage.

In short, the language services will need to operate through the Brio

for media and follow the Archives guidance for access to the Wire Services (BBG Watch via DXLD)

``No major commercial networks uses Dalet, because of its unreliability and inability``

The no ones are referenced at
https://www.dalet.com/customers
[I see only three, looping --- gh]

It appears that in fact a third party asset management system died. The product BBG-TSI mentioned by name is still on the market, but I wonder how old the now defunct installation at VOA was. The whole story rings a bell: If memory serves right, they had serious trouble with their MAM already years ago. And did nothing, it seems.

Furthermore I would not expect Lansing or Bennett to understand anything of this. In the case of Bennett it is not their business anyway, with BBG-TSI being in charge for this stuff. And AndrÈ Mendes went away two months ago. So other scapegoats have to be found (Kai Ludwig, Germany, May 23, WOR iog via DXLD)

** U S A [non]. Additional transmission Voice of America VOA
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/05/additional-transmission-voice-of.html

1130-1200 on 12020 UDO 250 kW / 304 deg to SEAs English
1130-1200 on 15715 PHT 250 kW / 283 deg to SEAs English
1130-1200 on 17790 PHT 250 kW / 283 deg to SEAs English
?????????? ?? Observer ? 7:52 PM (via DXLD)

I wonder why; is there some particular new program? Yes: (gh, DXLD)

Fair signal of VOA Learning English, May 29:
1130-1200 on 12020 UDO 250 kW / 304 deg to SEAs English
1130-1200 on 15715 PHT 250 kW / 283 deg to SEAs English
1130-1200 on 17790 PHT 250 kW / 283 deg to SEAs English
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/05/fair-signal-of-new-voa-learning-english.html
(Ivo IvanÛv, SWLDXBulgaria News, May 28-29, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

VATICAN, Voice of America VOA via SM di Galeria May 25
1030-1100 on 15620 SMG 250 kW / 139 deg to EaAf Somali, very good
1030-1100 on 17775 SMG 250 kW / 130 deg to EaAf Somali, very good
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/05/reception-of-voice-of-america-voa-via.html
(Ivo IvanÛv, SWLDXBulgaria News, May 24-25, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Violating Separation of Church and State (gh, DXLD)

** U S A [and non]. WORLD OF RADIO 1931 monitoring: confirmed Wednesday May 23 at 2100 on WRMI 9955, poor S9-S7; also barely confirmed on WBCQ 7490.03, VP S7-S5 in noise. Not confirmed at 2342 on WBCQ 9330.1v, as TOMBS continues // 7570 WRMI. Next:

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Thu 2330   WBCQ 9330v to WSW [maybe]
Fri 2330   WBCQ 9330v to WSW [maybe]
Sat 0629   HLR 6190-CUSB to WSW
Sat 1431   HLR 6190-CUSB to WSW
Sat 1930v  WA0RCR 1860-AM ND
Sat 2130   WBCQ 9330v to WSW [maybe][or 2330?]
Sat 2300   WRMI 7780 to NE
Sun 0200   WRMI 7780 to NE
Sun 0310v  WA0RCR 1860-AM ND
Sun 1030   HLR 9485-CUSB to WSW
Sun 1900   WRMI 9395 to NNW
Sun 2330   WBCQ 9330v to WSW [maybe]
Mon 0130.5 WRMI 5850 to NW, 7780 to NE
Mon 0300v  WBCQ 5130v Area 51 to WSW
Mon 0330   WRMI 9955 to SSE
Mon 0400   WRMI webcast only
Mon 2330   WBCQ 9330v to WSW [maybe]
Tue 0030   WRMI 7730 to WNW
Tue 2030   WRMI 7780 to NE, 5950 to WNW [or #1932?]
Tue 2130   WRMI 7780 to NE, 5950 to WNW [or #1932?]
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WORLD OF RADIO 1931 monitoring: not confirmed Thursday May 24 at 2330 on WBCQ 9330v, as Brother Scare rages on. WOR has now been AWOL for two weeks from this timing, so I can only assume it`s been canceled without notice. Since WBCQ does not notify me, perhaps some would-be listener can ask Allan if and whenever he will be carrying WOR on 9330? The schedule is never up-to-date:
http://schedule.wbcq.com/index.php?fn=sked&freq=9330
which also shows Full Gospel Hour, really gone from 9330 for 7490.

This means that there are *no* WOR SW broadcasts to be heard in North America between 2130 UT Wednesday, and 2300 UT Saturday when WRMI resumes on 7780. But there are always much more reliable podcasts anywhen.
Rather:

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Sat 0629   HLR 6190-CUSB to WSW from Germany
Sat 1431   HLR 6190-CUSB to WSW from Germany
Sat 1930v  WA0RCR 1860-AM ND
Sat 2300   WRMI 7780 to NE
Sun 0200   WRMI 7780 to NE
Sun 0310v  WA0RCR 1860-AM ND
Sun 1030   HLR 9485-CUSB to WSW from Germany
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Sun 1900 WRMI 9395 to NNW
Mon 0130.5 WRMI 5850 to NW, 7780 to NE
Mon 0300v WBCQ 5130v Area 51 to WSW
Mon 0330 WRMI 9955 to SSE
Mon 0400 WRMI webcast only
Tue 0030 WRMI 7730 to WNW
Tue 2030 WRMI 7780 to NE, 5950 to WNW [or #1932?]
Tue 2130 WRMI 7780 to NE, 5950 to WNW [or #1932?]

WORLD OF RADIO 1931 monitoring: not confirmed Friday May 25 at 2333 on WBCQ 9330v, as BS continues. (This is the last time I am going to be reporting non-WOR on 9330, altho I may keep checking sporadically lest it reappear without notice, just as it disappeared without notice.)

Confirmed by Ivo Ivanov, Bulgaria: ``GERMANY, Reception of World of Radio via HLR on 6190 CUSB, May 26
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/05/reception-of-world-of-radio-via-hlr-on_26.html
0630-0700 6190 GOH 001 kW / 230 deg to CeEu English Sat, poor/weak``

6190-USB again at 1455 check via UTwente: JBA algo, presumably me; confirmed by Alan Gale, England: ``6190 kHz 26th May --- Hi Glenn, Conditions were very poor on 6 MHz today, with the signal not fading in here until 1451 UT, though World of Radio was quite listenable from then until the end of HLR's programmes at 1500 UT.

Not unusual for 6 MHz at this time of the year, and I suspect that things will get worse in the coming weeks rather than better. Back to burning the midnight oil on 7780 kHz again this coming week then! :-)

Friday's IRRS programme at 1800 UT on 7290 kHz also carried World of Radio 1931 for about 5 minutes from 1825 to around 1830; this programme often seems to carry short snatches of a number of different programmes, and WoR does appear on there from time to time. Alan.``

Confirmed Saturday May 26 at 2300 on WRMI 7780, fair. Next:
Sun 0200 WRMI 7780 to NE
Sun 0310v WA0RCR 1860-AM ND
Sun 1030 HLR 9485-CUSB to WSW from Germany
Sun 1900 WRMI 9395 to NNW
Mon 0130.5 WRMI 5850 to NW, 7780 to NE
Mon 0300v WBCQ 5130v Area 51 to WSW
Mon 0330 WRMI 9955 to SSE
Mon 0400 WRMI webcast only
Tue 0030 WRMI 7730 to WNW
Tue 2030 WRMI 7780 to NE, 5950 to WNW [or #1932?]
Tue 2130 WRMI 7780 to NE, 5950 to WNW [or #1932?]

WORLD OF RADIO 1931 monitoring: confirmed after 0200 UT Sunday May 27 on WRMI 7780, S9/S9+10 but only fair vs storm crashes. Also confirmed UT Sun May 27 at 0346 on WA0RCR, 1860-AM, MO, good S9+20, at Algeria/Antarctica --- oh, oh, that was last week`s #1930, at 1:23 into the file, not latest 1931. And 1931 did not air earlier, as ARRL was still running at 0326. Maybe it aired later? Should have checked, as WA0RCR was off last week for Hamvention, and playing 1931 now may have been a make-up for that. Next:

Sun 1900 WRMI 9395 to NNW
Mon 0130.5 WRMI 5850 to NW, 7780 to NE
Mon 0300v WBCQ 5130v Area 51 to WSW
Mon 0330 WRMI 9955 to SSE
Mon 0400 WRMI webcast only
Tue 0030 WRMI 7730 to WNW
Tue 2030 WRMI 7780 to NE, 5950 to WNW [or #1932?]
Tue 2130 WRMI 7780 to NE, 5950 to WNW [or #1932?]

Full schedule for WOR on all outlets, not just SW; podcast linx:
http://www.worldofradio.com/radioskd.html
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

WOR and Brother Stair audio aired simultaneously 2350z/7:50 PM EDT: 9330 kHz, WBCQ, 27 MAY 2018, WOR and Brother Stair audio programs aired simultaneously (Dave N4EF Grubbs, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Tnx, yes I noticed same at 2345 check. E-mailed the boardops asking them if they could turn off BS, but probably did not reach them in time. Exactly same thing happened a few weeks ago (Glenn to Dave, ibid.)

WORLD OF RADIO 1931 monitoring: Ivo IvanÛv, Bulgaria reports
``GERMANY, Reception of World of Radio via HLR on 9485 kHz CUSB May 27 1031-1100 9485 GOH 001 kW / 230 deg CeEu English Sun, weak/fair signal
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/05/reception-of-world-of-radio-via-hlr-on_77.html
Wrong frequency announcement: ...Hamburger Lokalradio on 7265, instead of 9485``

Just when I have about given up on 9330v from WBCQ, check at 2345 UT Sunday May 27 finds WOR is back on! And like happened at least once before, May 10, mixing with Brother Scare whose audio has not been turned off! Total loss for everyone. This was also reported by Dave N4EF Grubbs. I thanked the boardops anyway for trying to run WOR.

I missed checking the 0130 UT Monday May 28 on WRMI 5850 & 7780; and the Sunday May 27 1900 on WRMI 9395. Did anyone hear those?

Confirmed UT Monday May 28 from 0301:30 on Area 51 via WBCQ 5129.8v,

S9 vs noise level. It was slightly late because this time Larry inserted an off-topic clip of yours truly just before WOR, something amusing from long ago. Unfortunately, I was listening to WBCQ direct rather than webcast and could not fully recognize it.

Also confirmed the UT Monday May 28 0330 on WRMI 9955 when checked at 0356, good; unfortunately the ``RAE`` webcast of WRMI had quite degraded audio when checked first at 0350, and presumably also ruined the 0400 repeat of WOR on webcast only. Next:

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Mon 2330   WBCQ 9330v to WSW [maybe]
Tue 0030   WRMI 7730 to WNW
Tue 2030   WRMI 7780 to NE, 5950 to WNW [or #1932?]
Tue 2130   WRMI 7780 to NE, 5950 to WNW [or #1932?]
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WORLD OF RADIO 1931 monitoring: not confirmed Mon May 28 at 2330 on WBCQ 9330v, just BS, altho yesterday was gh + BS at once. Confirmed UT Tuesday May 29 at 0030 on WRMI 7730, VG S9+20. Just barely audible Tuesday May 29 at 2030 on WRMI 7780, sounds like gh intonation; inaudible on 5950.

This and the next broadcast at 2130 in the summer daytimes should be on much higher bands per basic propagation, such as 11-13-15 MHz.

WORLD OF RADIO 1932 contents: Australia, Bougainville, Canada, China and non, Cuba, Denmark, Germany, Greece, Guinea, India, Indonesia, Iran, Israel, Korea South, Mongolia, New Zealand, Nigeria, North America, Norway, Papua New Guinea, Per˙, Philippines, Sikkim, Sudan South non, Thailand, Uganda non, USA; and the propagation outlook

WOR 1932 ready for first airing May 29 at 2130:

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Tue 2130   WRMI 7780 to NE [confirmed barely audible], 5950 to WNW
Wed 1030   WRMI 5950 to WNW
Wed 2100   WRMI 9955 to SSE
Wed 2100   WBCQ 7490v to WSW
Sat 0629   HLR 6190-CUSB to WSW
Sat 1431   HLR 6190-CUSB to WSW
Sat 1930v  WA0RCR 1860-AM ND
Sat 2300   WRMI 7780 to NE
Sun 0200   WRMI 7780 to NE
Sun 0310v  WA0RCR 1860-AM ND
Sun 1030   HLR 9485-CUSB to WSW
Sun 1900   WRMI 9395 to NNW
Mon 0130.5 WRMI 5850 to NW, 7780 to NE
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(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

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** U S A. 9455, further chex: UT Wed May 23 at 0115, with Oldies undermodulated, but the signal is S6-S8, stronger than it had been. May 23 at 1208, 9455 ``Mellow Yellow`` ends, Biermann WRMI ID for ``9395`` (where Brother Scare is really, much louder), S4-S5, and on to ``Stairway to Heaven``, with some peaks to S9 (while 9395 is S9+10 and much louder). Still May 23 at 1505, searching http://www.wrmi.net/WRMIfqs --- ``There are no entries matching 9455``

5010, May 23 at 1145, Spanish at S7 vs S9 noise level, WRMI scheduled with Radio Praga. Note: the transmission skedgrid still mislabels the 1100-1200/1230 emission of XMTR 14 as ``5950``, while the other one at 2200-0100 is correctly labeled 5010. BUT, 5950 is also shown continuously 24 hours for XMTR 5 at 285 degrees, i.e. ex-9455 programming. Just another anomaly at WRMI, website info vs reality.

7730, UT Thu May 24 at 0009, kids singing with keyboard, WRMI audio distorted so I can`t even be sure they are in English. Carrier seems stable enough, with BFO. Followed by a song in Portuguese which makes me suspect this is World Music fill instead of as scheduled for 7730 on System D, `Sounding Alarm` at 0000-0030 Thu; at 0013 not // 9455 which is Oldies at S6-S7. Recheck at 0036, 7730 is less distorted during Wavescan. Which had just played on: 9955, May 24 at 0015, WRMI with pulse jamming during AWR Wavescan.

9455, May 24 at 1246, WRMI Oldies at S4-S6; while 9395 is Brother Scare at S9/S9+10. 9455 continues to be a secret underpowered transmission, but at least keeps Oldies going when 9395 often opts out for otherstuff. Now if only Bob could announce the correct frequency.

9395, Thursday May 24 at 2046, surprised to hear Radiogram beeping, during an hour when WRMI is supposed to be relaying RAE in voiced Italian. Must not be IBC which does this only in final pentaminute of their semihours; nor Broad Spectrum Radio which emits only in the nightmiddle. I keep listening and there are only beeps, with some pauses to change subject, no voice announcements even at closing, but at 2058.5 a giveaway minute of a jazzed-up version of ``Back Home in Indiana`` tune, which must be Kim`s signature. 2059.5 canned WRMI ID by Biermann. I wonder how robust this mode be vs the considerable storm noise crashes?

O yes, besides usual Friday at 2030 on 7780 & 5950, Kim`s SW Radiogram had a special emission exactly one week ago for the NASB meeting in Indiana, on his schedule for Thu May 17 at 2030 on 9395 WRMI, per http://swradiogram.net/

However: the Thursday May 17 agenda at NASB Elkhart per http://www.shortwave.org/index.php/annual-meeting-info/ shows the Radiogram ``live`` demo at the wrong time, 1700-1745 UT, with something completely different when the 9395 broadcast really aired at 4:30 pm local EDT:

``1:00-1:45 pm - Digital Broadcasts on Analogue Shortwave Transmitters - presentation by Dr. Kim Andrew Elliott, producer of "Shortwave Radiogram" (recently retired from VOA), including the live decoding of a Radiogram broadcast

1:45-2:00 pm - Galcom International Update and Portable FM Transmitters - by Dave Casement

2:00-2:30 pm - Adventist World Radio Update by Dr. Dowell Chow, former AWR President

2:30-3:00 pm - International Broadcasting Bureau Shortwave Projects, by Gerhard Straub, Director, IBB Broadcast Technologies Division

3:00-3:30 pm - Coffee Break

3:30-4:00 pm - 360-degree Rotatable Antenna Systems - presentation by Jerome Hirigoyen of Telediffusion de France

4:00-5:00 pm - Information about the new Gospell GR-216 DRM receiver and a 2018 worldwide recap of DRM news, presented by Christopher Rumbaugh of the DRM North America Group.``

I should not have been surprised, as this is only another instance of a special booking/preÎmption on WRMI NOT being removed the following week, not restoring the original programming. The server could well go on running it further weeks unless someone complain, least of all RAE.

9455, Friday May 25 at 2335, preaching in English, not TOM, WRMI ranging S7 to S9+10 peaks, better than usual, and not // 9395, 7780, 9955 or 5950. Sounds like Bob Biermann, confirmed at 2358 outro as *his* `Your Weekend Show`, referencing disgraced FB; 2359 ``Popcorn`` tune plays past 0001 May 26. IIRC, 2300 Fri was one time `YWS` used to appear on 9395 before it was ravaged by so much other opt-away programming.

One more check May 26 of http://www.tinyurl.com/WRMIfqs whether the

secret 9455 transmission has yet made it to the public schedule? NO, despite having been on air and monitored now for a sesquiweek (by me, anyway; no one else seems to have cared/noticed). Hey, maybe Bob has set up his own pirate station?

** U S A. 7780, UT Monday May 28 at 0210, WRMI with `Wavescan`, tribute to the late Teo Veras of the DR, with a clip of him. Thus confirmed still airing now despite deletion from System D websked, ditto WOR 24 hours earlier at 0200 UT Sundays. 0200 Tue-Sat remains the only time now for Ukraine relay; on beam back toward Ukraine rather than us, usual weak sidewise 7780 signal here (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

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** U S A. 7489.9, UT Thu May 24 at 0006, WBCQ`s Spanish program `Antena DX` in progress with ``boletÌn DX``, about a SW transmitter site in Holland being dismantled, name sounds like Sejuel[??]. Will need 4 months to take down 17 masts not used since 2007y and cost 100 kiloeuro. In 2012, defense took over the canal park, will be used for military/ship communication worldwide. A new television station will be on there from 2020. I relistened to it via https://www.podomatic.com/podcasts/programasdx/episodes/2018-05-21T07_17_13-07_00 to get the details, despite annoying music bed constantly. Is this really about Flevo? No source was cited!

Later after :12 an item voiced by Luis Pineda in Panam· about Deutscher Wetterdienst, altho not named, schedule on 5905 & 6180 ``potencia de 10 kilohertz [sic]`` with e-mail address as info@dwd.de the first time, repeated as info@dw.de which implies Deutsche Welle, but they are really at info@dw.com; the first one is correct for DWD per WRTH.

The show`s Programas DX page continues to display the wrong WBCQ day, time and frequency: ``WBCQ The Planet Martes [Tue!] a las 00:30 UTC, en la frecuencia de 5.130 kHz``. WBCQ schedule also has it differently wrong: ``5130 Th 0030 0100 UTC We 08:30PM 09:00PM EST [sic] Antena DX``. I already went over all the wrong info about WRMI as well.

Wouldn`t it be great if all stations and programs could get all their schedule info coˆrdinated and accurately published?? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Oh yes, it would be great if these station managers was there at their stations getting these programs schedules in order and not do so much other things like one of them getting married unexpectedly or worrying if their best friend will be alive next year to help pay the bills or the other one doing so much traveling on the road often (J K Johnson,

DX LISTENING DIGEST)

?? Not that I begrudge anyone having a life beyond their radio station. If they can`t do it, delegate, pay someone else to (gh)

7490.0, UT Sat May 26 at 0000, the 2300 Fri huxter on WBCQ is running overtime; finally faded down/cut off at 0001:45 for canned ID and ``WTO`` opening `AWWW` late; if 5130- now be //, it`s too weak JBA even to recognize the theme; 7490 with Allan`s interjexions during the music, but when it finishes at 0005, a different voice is heard first, which turns out to be Dr Becker who is also in the studio. Announces current date 25 May YOOL 2018, so it`s live. First topic is iHeart Radio going bankrupt by gigadollars. TROTS, from John Carver:

``Listening on 7490 though it was announced after theme music that they were broadcasting on 5130 and 9330 this evening also. Show started a bit over a minute late. Allan, Angela, Dr. Becker and later Tom Barna in the studio. Opening comments about iHeart Media`s money problems and the state of radio in this country. Then Dr. Becker extolled the virtues of the Free Masons for some reason.

Talk about the super station and the rotatable antenna started then, and would be a recurring theme for the rest of the show. Allan stated the new station was being built by one of their clients but again did not name them at this time.

First and only phone call at 0020 asking if the flat-earthers were aware of how propagation supposedly worked. After a long pause, Allan agreed that the flat-earthers were behind the new super station and then went into a long spiel defending their right to believe whatever they wanted to believe and how he would defend their right to believe whatever they wanted to believe and broadcast over the airwaves.

Caller then asked about the Nazis being on the air over WBCQ and Allan went into the story about American Dissident Voices and why he asked them to leave the air. Then he went on to say that Pastor Pete Peters was the only other broadcaster asked to leave the station although this writer thought that Hal Turner had been asked to leave the air also [but since, back on --- gh]. Allan also said he had received calls from the FBI, the Secret Service and the Southern Poverty Law Center over ADV and Hal Turner.

Started talking then about World's Last Chance Ministries behind the superstation and that they would be broadcasting in twelve different languages and that the frequency used would be 9330.

Dr. Becker talked some about the construction going on at the station and both he and Allan mentioned that the feed line for the transmitter

cost three thousand dollars a foot. Quick mention of the generator being built and some talk about the power consumption for the new transmitter.

Tom talked about a quick and dirty repair of a satellite cable ten minutes before they went on the air. Then Allan gave us the primer version of the station's lightning protocols.

At one point during the discussion this evening, Dr. Becker stated that the superstation was the largest private station in the world [sic]. He also jokingly stated that WBCQ was moving backwards. Intending to illustrate that while other shortwave stations were downsizing or going off the air, WBCQ was expanding.

This writer thought it humorous as the point that a station was being built to spread the flat-earthers` creed around the world could be construed as moving backwards. Show was off the air at 0059. John, Mid-North Indiana``

7490v, UT Monday May 28 at 0205, an `Allan Weiner Worldwide` playback at unsked time, says he has a sore throat and chest, first about tablets being like magic. Evidently WBCQ decided to stay on the air tonight during this hour, since they have racist `Herald of Truth` [sic] coming up at 0300, and presumably had Blalock the Blaster at 0100-0200, almost every night despite never appearing on the websked. It also shows nothing at 00-01 Monday after `Le Show` until 0000, so wonder if and what was on that hour, all unchecked (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [and non]. From the Isle of Music, June 3-9: This week, a potent mix of Cuban Nueva Onda, Rock and progressive Charanga from the 1970s and early 1980s.

1. For Eastern Europe but audible well beyond the target area in most of the Eastern Hemisphere (including parts of East Asia and Oceania) with 100Kw, Sunday 1500-1600 UT on SpaceLine, 9400, from Kostinbrod, Bulgaria (1800-1900 MSK)
2. For the Americas and parts of Europe, Tuesday 0000-0100 UT on WBCQ, 7490 from Monticello, ME, USA (Monday 8-9 PM EDT in the US). This has been audible in parts of NW, Central and Southern Europe with an excellent skip to Italy recently.
3 & 4. For Europe and sometimes beyond, Tuesday 1900-2000 UT and Saturday 1200-1300 UT on Channel 292, 6070 from Rohrbach, Germany.

Uncle Bill's Melting Pot, Sun, June 3 & Tues, June 5
Episode 65 presents some wonderful music from Finland, one of Europe's most musically interesting countries.
1. Sundays 2200-2230 UT (6:00-6:30PM Eastern US) on WBCQ The Planet

7490 from the US to the Americas and parts of Europe
2. Tuesdays 2000-2030 UT on Channel 292, 6070 from Rohrbach, Germany for Europe. If current propagation conditions hold, the broadcast should reach from Iceland to Western Russia, Scandinavia down to North Africa and the Middle East, AND a long bounce to parts of New Zealand.

Thanks for all you do for radio! (William "Bill" Tilford, Owner/Producer, Tilford Productions, LLC, May 30, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

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** U S A. 13845, May 24 at 1308, as soon as RHC has managed to modulate on 13700 [see CUBA], I notice competitive WWCR dead-airing here, except for considerable hum, altho was OK a few minutes earlier as I observed super-signals on 13845 and 15825 due to HF sporadic E boost. I leave a spare receiver on 13845 all hour, and WWCR remains dead until revived at 1359 for ad and ID!

Dirty little not-so-secret: most radio stations will not pay a genuine human being to control output, become aware of to fix any problem ASAP --- Of course, who would want to really listen to that crap? But not even by remote silence alarms!

12160, Sat May 26 circa 1940, WWCR-2 with `The Last Radio Playing`, music filler show with contact info for host Allan Gray. SWLing is sparse in the daytime on caradio, only a few bigsigs, mostly disposable gospel huxtering, but TLRP is now a full hour per WWCR pdf sked *finally* updated as of May 15 showing 19-20 UT Saturdays on 12160, and with correct Central time conversions as UT -5!
http://www.wwcr.com/program-guides/WWCR_Program_Guide.pdf
TLRP has three additional times (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 15665-15670-15675, Wednesday May 23 circa 1600, NO DRM noise detectable, vs band noise level. WINB is allegedly testing DRM here, M-F 1100-1700 with 15 kW at 62 degrees (reverse of usual rhombic azimuth on 9265V). First time I`ve looked for it. Propagation is pitiful so possibly it`s on; 15825 WWCR is JBA carrier, so there is no sporadic E boost over eastern America. 15555-USB WJHR however is barely detectable. It will probably take some Es to audiblize this WINB.

Not that I really care: transmitting its gospel huxter crap in ``crystal-clear DRM`` is not going to improve the content one whit. The WINB notice from Hans Johnson also was posted on the drmna yg, but since then, no one there has reported hearing it either (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. WRNO PROGRAMMING DIVERSIFIED

Hi Glenn, Been enjoying the Yahoo group loggings and wanted to let you know that last night I was listening to WRNO on 7505 kHz. At 0150 UT, I heard a great program entitled NEXT TECH NEWS. Featured stories included the latest advances in drone technology in Sacramento, California, (drone use by government to stop crime) University of Berkeley, (the us of autonomous weapons) UBER (designing an almost silent drone that cannot be detected by the human ear) Florida (using drones to spray for the Zika virus in Vero Beach, with a chemical payload of 1,500 lbs!) and MIT (virtual reality goggles placed on drones for training artificial intelligence technology) Excellent presentation, I wish it would have continued beyond 15 minutes.

At 0207 UT, I heard a voice from the past -- that being not since the Presidential election last year. All of a sudden, Rick Wiles came on. I remember him from a program on WRMI, broadcasting so-called "Tru News," then he seemed to disappear. He was somehow affiliated with a station called Son Powered Radio and even had a postal address. Despite this, I never heard from the station or him, despite several reception reports. Guess he was only looking for donations, not reception reports. Hmm. 73's, (Ed Insinger, lenapeland@aol.com May 23, WORLD OF RADIO 1932, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Ed, Yes, I was also listening to the same program. For as long as I can remember, WRNO had programming that was primarily religious in nature, whereas the TruNews program was a running non-stop political commentary, with very little religious content, except asking for money.

So on May 23, from 0134 to 0300, heard the audio feed from the TruNews TV show, of their May 21 program; on for about 2 hours (program cut off at 0300).
https://www.trunews.com/stream/trunews-monday-may-21-2018
(Ron Howard, California, May 24, WOR iog via DXLD)

7505, May 25 at 0125, WRNO with different programming than before: it`s Rick Wiles of TruNews, who gave up on SW almost 15 months ago! He is conversing with another gospel huxter, about plans to broadcast from Bethlehem for Pentecost(?) in a few days if the technical arrangements can be made to get his 2-hour TV program on the air via satellite.

By 0129, on to Trump-conspiracy wacko political discussion, as `TruNews` of course really means FakeNews. Still the same at 0205 and 0247 chex, so apparently this is the audio track of his 2-hour TV show, replacing Mawire and anything else on WRNO.

I don`t listen to WRNO except to divine whether it`s on the air, off-frequency, badly modulated, or in Chinese, but checked now after this tip from Ed Insinger, NJ, May 23 [as above]:

[later per TruNews website, seems that Next Tech News is part of that --- gh] Strangely enough, WRNO website does have a program schedule for each day, but as of May 24, the latest one there is dated May 1: http://www.wrnoworldwide.com/tuesday-broadcast/#more

Note that it has the wrong time conversions for Germany in PM instead of AM and vice versa. In ``CST``, meaning CDT, it shows on the air from 8 pm to 8 am even on Sunday, when I heard it much earlier. Searching entire website on Wiles gets NO hits. So his abandonment of SW is over --- is he just buying time on WRNO or buying it? Why have they stopped putting up daily program schedules since May 1? (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1932, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Sometime in the last two or three weeks TruNews has popped up on WHMB channel 40, the Indianapolis arm of LeSea broadcasting. According to EPG on my decoder box the program airs for two hours, twice a day, Monday through Friday. Haven't been able to take a look at it as of yet (John H Carver, Jr, Mid-North Indiana, May 25, 2018, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Background from DXLD 17-10 of March last year:

``I have a question. What happened to True News on WRMI? Is it a case of another religious broadcaster not paying the bill?? I have been hearing rock and Pop music for several days (at least) and then I almost threw up hearing Brother scare (thankfully it wasnít all day). All received on Icom R-70 and a Vertical. Best 73 Doc W2MFT (Mark F Tattenbaum, March 7 [2017], DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9395, March 2 [2017] at 0717, this WRMI is playing classic rock, Dylan, not // World Music on 5850, 6855, 7730. TruNews is gone! Until end of Feb, had been 24/7 on WRMI-6, 355 degrees, since Global 24 crashed a couple years ago. TruNews was initially on two more frequencies, then cut back to this one. TruNews still shows on the WRMI web schedule. Rather, Flowing Streams Ministry of which TruNews is/was the flagship program. Nothing on the TruNews website now about SW, or any radio broadcasts, but plenty of far-right extremist un-true slanted ``news``. Has Rick Wiles fallen out with WRMI, or simply a financial decision, SW no longer worth it??

9395, another check March 2 [2017] at 1421 finds more classic rock, ``Stairway to Heaven``; 1423 break at odd time for WRMI ID by Bob Biermann. Never announces the music so I have to identify it: then ``It`s My Party`` by Leslie Gore; 1430 a WRMI ID mentioning 9395

specifically; 1434 ``Desiderata`` (you are a child of the universe) -- - NOT the parody, shux. 1438 ``Little Green Bag`` by The George Baker Selexion; 1440 ``The Monkees``; 1443 some doo-wop; 1446 ``Smile a Little Smile For Me, Rose Marie`` by The Flying Machine, etc., etc.

All the announcements are by Biermann, and suspect he is programming this now. Biermann`s regular hour is ``Your Weekend Show`` which started on TruNews, then expanded to various times (including mid-week) on other WRMI frequencies, so he has survived the sinking ship of TruNews. Surely a temporary filler until another full-time client for 9395 can be found. A golden opportunity to get some journalistically legitimate Public Radio service on SW!!

{dream on; this was the initiation of Oldies, which at least, later on, would start relaying VOA News at unpredictable 5-minute spots. If WRMI FB comments are to be believed, Oldies are a big hit}

I look for anything about this on WRMI`s FB, but nothing found (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1868, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I discovered around 1300 this morning that WRMI 9395 kHz was playing nothing but music instead of airing TruNews. I contacted TruNews about this and they said they are no longer airing any programming on shortwave. WRMI is still running music at this time so it remains to be seen what will ultimately air on 9395. 73, (Jim K5JG, Gerke, Carrollton TX, March 2, WORLD OF RADIO 1868, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Okeechobee, Florida. 9395 kHz, March 2nd, from 1710-1800 UT. Radio Miami International. We were expecting to hear Un-Tru News from Son Power Radio. Instead WRMI was playing golden oldies from the late 50's, 60's and 70's (no 80's songs yet). Signal was S9+S10. Between every two one or two songs, the WRMI ID was given. So what? No more TruNews from Sun Power Radio on that frequency? We say GREAT!! (JK and Josh, near Atlanta, GA, March 2, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

- - - - posted to WRTH Facebook, by Mauno Ritola, on March 2: "According to info received by Jim K5JG (ptsw list) from TruNews, they have stopped transmission on shortwave." (Ron Howard, CA, ibid.)

If you'll remember, Rick Wiles finally got the license for that station in St. Kitts and it was said that it also had a TV studio on the grounds and Wiles implied that they would be moving equipment to the site (John Carver, IN, WORLD OF RADIO 1868, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

St. Kitts should be safer than Florida when the apocalypse or New World Order hits! {never mind hurricanes} (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

In my post from yesterday about TruNews going off shortwave, I forgot

to say that I heard Rick Wiles mentioning on his program late last week that he was getting ready to go all-in with streaming the programming to digital devices rather than via radio. He said they would continue radio broadcasts only on an FM station that his ministry owns, located in Ocala, FL, I believe.

There was no hint in that broadcast that he would be exiting S/W so soon as he had mentioned the new effort would launch around May 1st. 73, (Jim K5JG, March 2 [2017], ptsw yg via DXLD)``

[end of March 2017 historical flashback]

25 May 2018:
Search of http://www.trunews.com finds very little about St Kitts, just a few news items, and general search shows hardly anything St Kitts related to Wiles since 2016y.

WRTH 2018 4-line entry about it on page 377:
``SON POWER RADIO (Rlg.)
Flowing Streams, P O Box 690069, Vero Beach FL 32969-0069, USA
[wow, he`s really fond of 69s in his addresses! What`s with that?]
Tel. +1 772 569 8880
web: sonpowerradio.com
L P: Doc Burkhart
MW: Conaree, St Kitts 820 kHz 10 kW (F.pl.)``

So the St Kitts MW station is *still* a future plan, let alone SW from there? Is MW 820 on the air at all?

Doc Burkhart? Where have I heard that name before: O yes, in 2002 I heard from him at WJIE. We did not hear from or about him again until 2015y when he was with TruNews, and nothing since this log:

``11580, Oct 25 [2015] at 1338, I catch part of `Wavescan` on WRMI, which is tacked on Sundays only to this transmission, as Jeff is interviewing Doc Burkhart of Son-power Radio about their St. Kitts 820 kHz station, ex-Radio Paradise (tho they had adopted that name on some of the `TruNews` SW broadcasts). Seems the container containing a ready-to-go broadcast studio we heard about before, is currently being stored at the WRMI Okeechobee site before final shipment to the island, where they are ``working hard to get on the air`` with Flowing Stream Ministries, of course including Rick Wiles` so-called TruNews`` (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)`` (Glenn Hauser, May 25, 2018, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7505v, UT Tue May 29 at 0253, quick check of WRNO sounds like Rick Wiles, indicating his revived `TruNews` [sic] runs 01-03 UT Tue-Sat here. WRNOworldwide website still has not put up any program schedule

info since May 1 (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1932, DX LISTENING DIGEST) But back to Mawire own WRNO programming UT June 1 (gh)

** U S A. 9930, WTWW, 1750-1906, Live interviews and news from the Dayton Hamvention with George McClintock hosting. Finally an ID at 1903. Then a period of dead air till he returned at 1906 with an ad. Varied fair to good on 5/19 (Don Hosmer, West Branch MI, ICOM IC-7200 and/or CommRadio CR-1a with 102' & 51' G5RV dipole antennas, MARE Tipsheet May 25 via DXLD)

?? George is behind the scenes at WTWW, but I was not aware he was doing any on-air work. I guess you are sure it was not Ted Randall, the usual hammer at WTWW? (gh, DXLD)

12105, May 25 at 0113, weak VP S7-S9 music --- must be WTWW-3 reactivated, but barely propagating. Yes, I barely make it // 5085 WTWW-2 which is S9+30, with Ted breaking for a commercial, and flanked by the plus/minus 12.9 kHz spur carriers. And WTWW-1 is also running on 5830 with SFAW at S9+30. So all three transmitters are on the air at once! Remains to be heard whether 12105 will now be regular, or as before, vanish again after a test(?)

5085, UT Sun May 27 at 0553, WTWW-2 is on with a talkshow, something new. Guest believes there are bases on the moon and aliens have visited earth. Could it be the Hoagland show revived? No. Host soon says he is on ``5085 and additional SW frequency tonight, 15815, which is just smoakin` in other countries, just blasting in``. (Not here! Nothing as you would expect in the nightmiddle on 19m from Tennessee; a different site, Bulgaria, maybe?).

Guest is named Glen and before ToH break program ID as `Southern Talk at Midnight` with Dave Lewis(?). 0559 commercial for CVS Pharmacy beauty club! Then to rambling ham radio ads by Ted until 0603 music; 0606:45 program resumes with guest Glen S-something who has a bunch of books to push, a longtime author about aliens around us. Again plugs 15815 & 5085, host address dave@wtww.us so this show may axually originate at WTWW. And gives phone for call-ins as 615-680-8028, as I tune out and go to sleep.

What`s about this at the WTWW website? NOTHING, of course, just long-outdated program info at
http://wtww.us/pages/schedule.php
and on the homepage itself, still claiming to use 9930 with Dave Ramsey, etc., etc.

15815, May 27 at 1439, however, *is* an unexpected and unregistered new frequency! for WTWW as IDed after ``In the Sweet Bye&Bye`` hymn, S9+20 = sporadic E boost, while neighbor 15825 WWCR is S9+20/30.

Nothing in HFCC on 15815, not WTWW, not Bulgaria, not anything. Off at 1627 check and I think considerably earlier. John Figliozzi, NY was still hearing it at 1540, and Kai Ludwig, Germany at 1610, weaker than WWCR (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1932, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Getting a fairly steady S5 signal with occasional deep fades from WTWW on the apparently unregistered frequency of 15815 kHz at 1540 UT (John Figliozzi, Halfmoon, NY, ICOM IC-7300, A/D DX Sloper, WOR iog via DXLD)

Enclosed how it sounded in Central Europe at 1610 UT. Almost 20 dB weaker than WWCR 10 kHz above (Kai Ludwig, with an mp3 attached to the WOR iog, via DXLD)

5085, UT Monday May 28 at 0549, WTWW-2 is off, unlike 24 hours earlier with new paranoid talkshow about space aliens, `Southern Talk at Midnight`, so maybe it`s UT Sundays only, and from 0500 UT?

15815, May 28 at 1402 and 1507, no signal from WTWW, unlike 24 hours earlier when it must have been testing for the first time on any frequency above the 12 MHz band. If on, would be propagating like neighbor 15825 WWCR at S9+10 via sporadic E.

5085, UT Tue May 29 at 0544, WTWW-2 is off again, like UT Mon, while UT Sun before and after 0600 it was running that wacky new talk show, `Southern Talk at Midnight`, so maybe it is once a week, from 0500?

15815, May 29 at 1403, WTWW with classic rock music, S9+10 (while neighbor in more ways than one, 15825 WWCR is S9+20, both with sporadic E boost); still past 1420 and 1530. Not rechecked until 2206, when 15815 is *still* on with music, but considerably weakened. Took yesterday, Memorial Day off, unheard. Anyhow I`ve added it to the BST-1 caradio memory bank, the better to keep track of what the new frequency is doing; from this station there is little hope for anything rational, and I would not be surprised if they are testing for a new gospel-huxter client (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1932, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 15240-, Sat May 26 at 1635 and earlier, no signal from Radio Munansi, so apparently gone again via WWRB (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) 9370-, WWRB reactivated: see UGANDA [non]

** U S A. WHRI is broadcasting the Indy 500 on 15760 kHz for North America. Enjoy! (Ethan KC9YDN, 1526 UT May 27, WOR iog via DXLD)

Coverage of the Indianapolis 500 auto race is on shortwave once again via WHRI, Indiana and its South Carolina transmitters. Noted 15760 kHz at 1552 UT with a steady, clear S4-5 signal (John Figliozzi, Halfmoon,

NY, ICOM IC-7300, A/D DX Sloper, WOR iog via DX LISTENIG DIGEST)

15760, Sunday May 27 at 1627, here`s WHRI with special broadcast of the holy Indianapolis 500, during commercials with zoom SFX. Race was scheduled to start at *1619, an exercise in futility, round and round and getting nowhere; meanwhile drivers, crew and spectators risking death or injury, a great American tradition.

15760 is registered available 14-22 UT, Sat/Sun extended to 24, 250 kW, 315 degrees across the USA toward CIRAFs 2 & 3 = Canada west of 90 degrees. Not sure, but I don`t think they have been using it much if at all. Yesterday I searched the WHR website for any info about the anticipated special and found absolutely nothing (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

WHRI is carrying the Indy 500 race on 15760 with a very good signal here in northern MI. 73, (Don Hosmer W8SWL, West Branch MI USA, 1633 UT May 27, WOR iog via DXLD)

Indy 500 race on 15760 via WHRI --- Commentary on the Indianapolis 500 car race is being relayed on shortwave via LeSEA Broadcasting WHRI on 15760 kHz this evening (28 May). Weak here at present. Itís a relay of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Network, complete with ad breaks, etc. Race goes on for a few hours I think (finishing around 4 pm EST [sic] 2000 UT?) re
http://indymotorspeedway.com/500broadcast.html
(Alan Pennington, England, 1827 UT May 27, bdxc-news iog via DXLD)

Suffer [? sic] signal at 1840 UT tonight Sunday May 27 on all: 15760 kHz S=4, 15815 S=7, 15825 kHz S=8-9 here in western Europe tonight. 15760 kHz is only sidelobe into 45degrazimuth to Europe, acc mainlobe WHRI requested 315degrees westwards to CA/Vancouver and far western provinces of US and Canada. 73 wb, (Wolfgang B¸schel, Germany, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15760, Sunday May 27 at 1920, silly carace still going on WHRI, evidently the commercial-heavy official broadcast from the IMS, announcers incredibly excited: are they pretending? Coverage probably started at 1500; 24 hours later, no signal on 15760, back to mothballs (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

17815. Maio 28, 2018. 2013-2020, World Harvest Radio International, Furman-SC, em InglÍs. Pastor faz sua pregaÁ„o religiosa e participaÁ„o ocasional de locuÁ„o feminina. WHRI com recepÁ„o satisfatÛria por aquÌ, 35433 (JosÈ Ronaldo Xavier (JRX), Cabedelo-Paraiba, Brasil, HCDX via DXLD)

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** U S A. WLW Transmitter site --- On my way back to Texas from Indiana last weekend I visited the VOA museum at Bethany, then drove by the WLW transmitter site just down the street and saw "For Sale" signs posted along the perimeter of the site. I guess Clear Channel is considering combining sites in Cincinnati. Nothing is sacred to those guys (Jerry Lenamon, Waco, May 22, ABDX yg via DXLD)

Clear Channel sold most of its transmitter sites, including WLW, to a company called Vertical Bridge a few years ago. WLW is just a rental tenant at the site now. It will stay put, but Vertical Bridge is planning to use much of the open space at the site for a mixed-use retail/office/housing complex. That area north of Cincinnati has just exploded in land value in the last couple of decades.

Here's a story from last summer:
http://wvxu.org/post/shopping-area-planned-under-wlw-ams-iconic-mason-tower#stream/0
s (Scott Fybush, NY, ibid.) I found this article on the sale [same as above] (Bob Smoak, SC, ibid.)

** U S A. Travel Logs --- 880, KRVN Lexington (xmtr near Holdredge) NE: 12:06 PM MDT-6:17 PM CDT, 5/20; ìThe rural voice of Nebraska, 8-80 KRVN Lexington, Nebraskaî, ìThe Great Plains depends on 8-80 KRVNî.

Sunday programming is not nearly as entertaining as weekdays. I tuned in to a political commentary program focusing entirely on how many times Trump has farted, who was in the room at the time & who paid him to do it. Hog & cattle prices, manure management ads & dead stock removal ads would have been much more entertaining & useful. (Yes Sheldon, that was sarcasm.)

1 PM MDT: The Under the Hood Show (not nearly as entertaining as Click & Clack.) One caller asked how to prevent squirrels from chewing on his wires. One suggestion was to spray the motor compartment with mountain lion urine (Who collects that?) Most of the answers to other questions involved checking a sensor feeding data to a computer.

4 PM CDT: The Working Ranch Radio Show. Ad for the Four 6ís Ranch using ìmodern equine reproductive practices.

5 PM CDT: Cowboy Corner. Real cowboys always take their hats off in the presence of women, when dancing & at dinner. (This program has been on Sundays at 5PM for a long time.)

6 PM CDT: Brian Kilmeade Show; interview with author of ìThree Days in Moscowî, about the Reagan era. ToH Fox News; Cattle outnumber people in Nebraska 4-1; 15% of working Americans have a burger for lunch; Ad

for Skeeter Barnesí Catering; Ad for I&H Genetics (bull pimping).
(Harold Frodge, CO/KS, MARE Tipsheet May 25 via DXLD)

** U S A. 1130, May 24 at 1229 UT, KLEY Wellington KS is still SNAFU
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Glenn, how about you drop the constant superior attitude and slamming of stations and their operations? It gets old and tiring. I largely stopped doing that 10 years ago, in my 20s!! I highly doubt you could handle running a station or fix the problems you so regularly complain about. Instead of whining here, which accomplishes NOTHING why not contact the station directly?

I seem to recall you said you couldn't find contact information for one of their stations when you looked once. But I think you might've been referring to KGNO then.

Contact information for all of the Rocking M Media stations is here with mailing address and phone numbers:
http://www.rockingmradio.com/contact-us/

The president of the company has an email address listed here:
http://www.rockingmradio.com/contact-2/

KLEY's Facebook page is here:
https://www.facebook.com/TheWaveKLEY/
(Paul B Walker, PA, nrc-am via DXLD)

Thanks for concluding that I am superior because I can tell when a station has serious technical problems, which would be patently obvious to people in charge of stations if they ever turned on a radio, listened to themselves. It`s not my job to try to inform them, run a station or fix the problems, as an observer, which I enjoy accomplishing. Too bad you don`t. (Sometimes I do try to privately aid a station which I value.) gh (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

** U S A. 1470, KMNQ Brooklyn Park [Minnesota] --- For the past unknown number of days (week at least), 1470 has had a dead carrier. Anyone know what's happened with them? (Greg, Plymouth, MN, Putrich, N0QDS, May 28, MDXC yg via DXLD)

** U S A. Formerly silent stations informing the FCC that they are back on the air:
1410, KQV, PA, Pittsburgh ñ Silent Dec. 31 (2017), back on air May 12.
1560, KKAA, SD, Aberdeen ñ Silent Oct. 31 (2017), back on air Feb. 15
(AM Switch, NRC DX News June 4, published May 27, via DXLD)

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** U S A. I`m parked a few miles N of Enid near the US 81/64/60 junxion, so do a quick bandscan for possible sporadic E DX; none here so far this year, and it`s about time. Lots of frequencies have CCI, stations fading back and forth, but I`m afraid this was just due to hot turbulent troposphere nearby. Several frequencies check out to be fringe Kansans or Oklahomans, except:

97.3, May 28 at 1953 UT, ``Q97`` ID. WTFDA FM Database leads to: KQHN Waskom TX, but supposedly really known as ``Q97.3``, with 42 kW at 162.5 m. Waskom is right on the border west of Shreveport LA, 348 miles/559 km, rather unlikely, OR:

``Q-97`` with a hyphen (unspoken of course) would be KNCQ, Redding CA, 28 kW, 1088m, possible but far for Es, 1354 miles/2179 km; OR:

``Q 97`` with a space (unspoken of course), this must be it: KKJQ, 100 kW, 244m, Garden City KS, listed ``Q 97 FM``, 198 miles/318 km.

This is a good example of how one must outwit the search funxions with all possible varieties of what sounds like a simple explicit slogan.

106.3, May 28 at 1948 UT, ad for Wichita Falls, so Texas not Kansas. WTFDA DB shows KBZS, 50 kW/129m, The Buzz, but PS Info as KZBS instead. Who made the typo? FCC FM Query agrees it is really KBZS; BTW, FMQ now includes a station logotype, which leads to a profile page without all the tech details, but address, etc. 175 miles/282 km, city-to-city distance. I`d rather hear much closer KGOU Norman, public radio on 106.3, but it`s only 6 kW, 88.7 m HAAT (Glenn Hauser, Enid OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Interesting information about an FCC license freeze

Federal regulators issued a six-month freeze Thursday on new low-power broadcast licenses after allegations that three Idaho companies made $800,000 last year selling the government-issued permits . . .
http://articles.latimes.com/2005/mar/18/business/fi-fcc18
(Bob Smoak, Bamberg, SC, May 21, 2018, ABDX yg via DXLD)

From March *2005*, but provokes some comments ---

Wow, from 13 years ago, even! Long before the LCRA. Too bad that freeze didn't last (Rick in South Omaha NE Dau, ibid.)

I never saw any reason why these religious groups were exempted from the translator rules that all of the commercial broadcasters were subject to. Nobody else was ever allowed to operate a so-called "satellator" that was a translator rebroadcasting a signal from

satellite, thus allowing for the creation of a nationwide network. All other translators always were limited to rebroadcasting signals received directly off air. 73, (Kit W5KAT, CO, ibid.)

And donít forget the HD loophole. HD isnít just a service that analog users canít receive; itís a service that hasnít caught on in the marketplace after more than a decade. So you have owners of HD stations using HD as an excuse to put on an analog translator. After all, the HD isnít being received. So that means an HD station takes up four channels ó its primary, two for the HD sidebands, and a translator. Talk about unwise spectrum use! This is all nuts. -- (Rick Lewis, ibid.)

To be so-called Christian broadcasters, religious broadcasters to me are most offensive. The KLOV people bought a station near me last year. They recently held an extended fund raiser. I have never heard such crass appeals for money in all my life. They also got a waiver on having a local studio. This is such a sad situation, tying up a frequency while doing the local community no good at all, yet I have heard some people raving about the music. Not my kind of music, though. What a conundrum (Bob Smoak, Bamberg, SC, ibid.)

** U S A. Re: FCC PROPOSES RULES TO REFORM PROCEDURES ON FM TRANSLATOR STATION COMPLAINTS

There is one way, and one way only, to have your voice count in this debate. Posting on mailing lists like this isn't it, nor message boards or Facebook.

The comment period on this issue is about to open, and the nice thing about FCC comment periods is that they're open to absolutely everybody. You don't have to be an industry bigwig to comment. And if your comments are to the point, properly formatted and cogent, they DO get listened to.

I have filed comments in previous proceedings (and had my comments quoted in the FCC's eventual decisions), and I will be making my opinions heard this time around. I encourage anyone on this list who has thoughts to participate. I'd be happy to provide advice about how to do so. s (Scott Fybush, May 24, WTFDA gg via DXLD)

True enough, however most of my comments would be considered not relevant because they deal with actions well in the past (Russ Edmunds WB2BJH, Blue Bell, PA, Grid FN20id, ibid.)

If you read my comments on the AM revitalization proceeding, several pages were devoted to a recap of FCC allocations history. You'd be surprised what they listen to. I was (Scott Fybush, ibid.)

Scott, Thank you for the recommendation to send any relevant comments to the FCC. I was going to provide technical information and references to FCC Applications when I sent my comments to them. I would appreciate any recommendations that you can provide. I would encourage anyone who has any relevant information to send it along to the FCC regarding this matter.

The current thought at the FCC seems to be that you can broadcast as if the 60dB coverage area of the translator signals is where their signal coverage stops. They totally ignore the fact that all of the signals continue well beyond those areas and create large areas where two or more signals on the same channel interfere with each other.

In the situation with the 104.5 translator in the Scranton area that I noted in my previous message, I have corresponded with the engineer (who you know) who did the design and installation of the translator. He replied that "the signal from that translator shouldn't travel that far because most of the signal stength is vertically polarized". I replied that I am listening to the frequency on my car as I drive around the area and I told him where I am receiving the translator signal. I recommended that he do the same in my area. He had no response to my suggestion (Bob Seaman, ibid.)

** U S A. WHAT WILL TAKE DOWN RADIO PIRATES ó AND WHAT WONíT
Recent proposals donít address the real source of the problem
    David Honig   May 21, 2018

https://www.radioworld.com/columns-and-views/what-will-take-down-radio-pirates-and-what-wont

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When I read the press clips and commentary about radio pirates, I want to jump up and down, wave my arms, and scream, ìHow can everyone be missing the most important fact about them?î

And I donít care if I look crazy putting it in all caps, but the part most people miss is: ìALMOST ALL PIRATES CHOOSE EXCLUSIVELY TO SET UP ILLEGAL, UNLICENSED STATIONS TO TARGET AND EXPLOIT LARGE MARKET AFRICAN AMERICAN AND LATINO NEIGHBORHOODS.î

Just what ìservicesî do pirates provide to these neighborhoods?

They play the ìclubî version of records ó the versions with the four- and 12-letter words that are banned by the FCC on licensed radio stations, but are easily accessible to young children on pirate stations; and

And they provide an audio stream free of bad news, bad weather, or bad emergencies ó because they donít broadcast news, weather or EAS alerts.

As a result, individuals often listen to their local ìundergroundî stations, as theyíre sometimes referred to, with no awareness of how they hurt their own communities.

[Read: Pirate Radio Bill Formally Introduced]

And at whose expense are these ìservicesî delivered? Primarily minority broadcasters, who built their companies through years of hard work ó providing genuine value, supporting their communities, and playing by the rules. Pirates say ìlet me steal a piece of this.î

At MMTC, weíve encountered a pirate or three. Weíve learned how they think. They are neither crazy nor stupid. What they are are opportunists. Old fashioned capitalists, but not in a good way. And smart ones.

They know, to a moral certainty, that if they set up shop in Beverly Hills, theyíd be cuffed or shackled before they laid down four of George Carlinís ìSeven Dirty Words.î Theyíd be thrown under the jail.

A bunch of years ago, I met a pirate who was trying to ìget legalî by transitioning into LPFM. He had accumulated a little sum of money ìservingî Black communities in Harlem and Brooklyn, with no FCC license. Chatting with him, my ears perked up, because (1) he didnít know a lot of black people; (2) he hadnít grown up in those neighborhoods; and (3) except for who Michael Jackson was, he knew virtually nothing about black music.

But it turned out that he understood black social injustice quite well. I found this out when I asked him, ìWhyíd you choose black neighborhoods to broadcast from?î

And this dude flat out told me: ìDavid, theyíre the safest place for a ëPart 15 broadcaster.í [Thatís what some pirates call themselves, I kid you not. Real Part 15 broadcasters keep to their effective service range of about 61 meters. So I call BS, but digress.] And why is it so safe for us Part 15 guys? Because the government doesnít care about black and Spanish neighborhoods. They donít do housing code enforcement there. They donít fill up the potholes there. Theyíre in

no hurry to answer 911 calls there. They donít provide equal schools there, or even safe schools. So, do you really think the government is going to enforce the Communications Act there?î

Excellent point!

It goes to the reason we call a pirate a ìpirate.î

Seaborne pirates carefully choose targets of opportunity such as container ships with small staffs in poorly-patrolled waters, such as those off the Somali coast. Broadcast pirates, emulating their seaborne cousins half a world away, carefully choose, as targets of opportunity, the neighborhoods they think the FCC doesnít care about.

Now, letís talk about what youíre reading this commentary to find out: How can the FCC shut down, punish, and disincentivize a pirate?

Letís start with ginormous forfeitures. They wonít work. Think about it: pirates generally arenít ìTrump-scaleî rich. Mostly, they have little to lose, so they arenít going to be motivated by an unfathomably large forfeiture that can never be collected. They have no way to pay a $75,000 fine, so why would they be even more frightened by having to pay a $750,000 fine?

What about confiscating electronic gear? Really good idea, because itís unique. It takes days to replace and assemble tubes, diodes, and cart machines into an unlawful radio operation. Confiscating gear strikes at the common strategy of pirates ó get shut down at 101 Oak Street on Monday, then light up a transmitter at 102 Spruce Street on Tuesday.

What about going after landlords? Well-intended, but a bad idea. Itís unfair as well as detrimental to the low-income housing marketplace. A landlord doesnít have any notice that the tenant is operating a one-room radio station on premises ó any more than the landlord would know if the tenant is maintaining a one-room meth lab. Turning pirate enforcement over to landlords ó and punishing the landlords if they overlook a pirate ñ would require landlords to pay someone to inspect the premises every few days ñ thus raising housing costs, decreasing housing quality, or both.

Similarly, small, local advertisers canít be expected to know that a pirateís operation violates the Communications Act. If youíre reading this in Radio World, youíre already too close to the subject matter. We radio geeks sometimes forget that maybe 90% of the public has never heard of the Communications Act (and most of the other 10% couldnít care less). On the other hand, a large national advertiser that buys spots on a pirate station should know better and ought to be

sanctioned.

For its part, Congress needs to do two things to hit pirates hard:

First, it needs to restore cuts to the FCCís budget that brought about the closure of critical field offices. Three years ago, the FCC operated 24 field offices; today, it operates only 13. It needs 30!

Second, the FCC needs to be given the authority to take pirates to court on its own, rather than depend on the Department of Justice to bring lawsuits on the FCCís behalf. Pirates rank very low among the DOJís litigation priorities. It never made sense for an agency with the top-level expertise of the FCCís Office of General Counsel to have to depend on the DOJ to do its enforcement litigation.

Finally, thereís one thing the FCC can do right now: Chairman Pai, or any of the commissioners, should appear at one of the national multicultural civil rights organizationsí conventions and give a speech that says approximately as follows:

ìRadio World just published a commentary that says that pirates think the government doesnít enforce the law in multicultural neighborhoods ó making those neighborhoods a safe haven for radio piracy. Thatís not going to be true on my watch,î and then lay out exactly what the commission is going to do to run down, capture, and prosecute pirates with equal zeal no matter whose neighborhood pirates choose to exploit.

If you have additional thoughts, criticisms, ideas, and prayers on how to take down pirates, please send them along ó dhonig@mmtconline.org. Letís make 2018 ìThe year radio pirates slithered under a rock and stayed there.î

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USING DF TECHNIQUES TO TRACK DOWN PIRATES --- Doing the legwork yourself can result in faster resolution of a pirate problem
    Cris Alexander   Aug 9, 2017

https://www.radioworld.com/columns-and-views/using-df-techniques-to-track-down-pirates
(via Dennis Gibson, May 25, ABDX yg via DXLD)

** VIRGIN ISLANDS US. MONTHS AFTER HURRICANE, WTJX FIGHTS ON
Pubcast FM/TV combo continues a messy and expensive recovery process
    James Careless   May 23, 2018 [illustrated]
https://www.radioworld.com/news-and-business/months-after-hurricane-wtjx-fights-on

In September 2017, Category 5 Hurricane Irma devastated the U.S. Virgin Island of St. Thomas along with much of the rest of the Caribbean. Among the victims was WTJX(FM).

The hurricane knocked the station ó which rebroadcasts NPR national content ó right off the air and destroyed the facilities of sister PBS TV station WTJX.

ìAs well, Hurricane Irma knocked down our STL (studio-to-transmitter microwave link) at the St. Thomas transmitter site on Mountain Top,î said Robert Dickinson, WTJXís director of engineering. In March, more than six months later, it was not yet restored.

DEVASTATING STORM

Before Irma hit, the stations broadcast from Mountain Top, one of the highest points on St. Thomas. Their shared facility included a transmitter building and a 250-foot antenna tower, used by both stations and third-party clients, and a 100-foot auxiliary/STL tower. The site was backed up by a 190 kW main generator and a small 8 kW unit used with the stationís mobile production unit.

The STL was connected to the TV stationís offices/studios on the southwest on 158-158A Haypiece Hill. The FM had offices there and used the TVís studio to record promos.

Hurricane Irma devastated this facility, gutting the TV production studio down to its massive steel support girders and even damaging some of them. Add wind and rain damage to the rest of the facility, and ìour St. Thomas office/ TV studio was destroyed,î said Tanya-Marie Singh, WTJXís chief executive officer.

In March, FCC Chairman Ajit Pai, center, and members of the commissionís Hurricane Task Force met with station CEO Tanya-Marie Singh and toured the damage caused by Irma. This image is from the FCCís Twitter feed.

Up on Mountain Top, ìHurricane Irma knocked down our 100-foot tower, and severely damaged the 4.5 meter Ku-band satellite dish we used to downlink NPR via satellite,î said Dickinson. To make matters worse, the main generator developed issues that couldnít be fixed without parts coming from the U.S. mainland, which wasnít going to happen soon. As well, the stationís 8.1 meter dish that provided the downlink for PBS TV programming was seriously damaged.

On St. Croix to the south, WTJX(FM)ís offices had survived because Irma skirted the island. But although the station had purchased

equipment for a production studio, it was not ready to go to air. Besides, ìWith the STL down on Mountain Top, there was no way for us to link this studio to the transmitter,î Dickinson said. ìAnd with telephone, power and internet down all over St. Thomas, there was no way to create a backup path to the transmitter.î

MAKING DO

Determined to get the FM station back on air as soon as they could, Dickinson and his staff made adjustments to an old 3.8 meter dish so that it could receive the NPR satellite feed on C-band. Given that this antenna was an abandoned Ku-band dish, this was no small accomplishment.

Add the lack of adequate landline and generator power, and it took nearly two weeks to get WTJX back on air with national NPR programming.

When Radio World spoke to WTJX in late March, station staff reported that the St. Croix radio studio had yet to be activated. ìWe are still without an STL connection between Mountain Top and St. Croix,î Dickinson said. ìMeanwhile, using an internet connection hasnít been an option until recently, due to the islandís internet being down.î

As a result, WTJX listeners were still unable to get local content on the U.S. Virgin Islandsí NPR station. But still, having access to a national NPR feed was a welcome relief for many.

MAKING PROGRESS

Faced with a difficult post-Irma recovery, WTJX did what it could to get local content out by other means.

As of February, ìThe station has managed to put out regular airings of its ëFull Circleí public affairs program via Livestream (on the web) Ö and rebroadcast the legislatureís LegiTV streaming coverage of both the State of the Territory and the legislatureís response,î according to an article in the U.S. Virgin Islands Daily News.

As for replacing the St. Thomas production facility, Singh estimates that it would cost $15 million to $20 million to build a new office/studio tough enough to weather the next Category 5 hurricane.

ìIím looking at trying to get the power up at our facility, power, water, fiber underground,î she told the Daily News. ìIím hoping to make this station completely resilient. Thatís what weíre hoping we can do.î

An image from the FCC Twitter feed in March shows TV station equipment.

Dickinson, in his interview with Radio World, expressed gratitude to NPR and PBS for coming to St. Thomas and helping out.

ìNPR sent down a crew and supplies to replace the 4.5 meter dish, which we are now using on again to downlink NPR network programming,î he said. Meanwhile as of late March the TV station was back on air, though the 8.1 meter dish was damaged ìand is limping along,î Singh said. ìWe are working with PBS and General Dynamics to get it fully restored.î

Looking ahead, WTJXís priority is to create some sort of temporary production facility on St. Thomas close to Mountain Top, so that it can produce programming related to the 2018 elections. In particular, Singh wants local candidates to be able to make their cases over the air to voters. ìEveryone needs a chance to be heard,î she said.

As for the long term? Raising millions for a new facility in St. Thomas is going to be a daunting task for the stations. To help out, NPR ìFresh Airî host Terry Gross recorded some fundraising PSAs, and the company advertised for a new director of development and fundraising to get things going. Singh herself is hoping that a combination of FEMA funds and public donations will be sufficient to put WTJX back on its feet.

ìRelatively speaking, weíre in okay shape, but we have a massive amount of work ahead of us,î said Singh (via Kevin Redding, TN, ABDX yg via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 7155.50-LSB, May 24 at 0002, two hams speaking Spanglish, i.e. mixing two languages fluidly within a single sentence (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 9272.7-USB, May 27 at 0144, 2-way in Spanish, stronger one with noise and music in background (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 10115-USB, May 26 at 1257, weak 2-way in Spanish; hams who think this is a phone band? Or simply intruders. Hams *should* have a 30m phone band, perhaps another 100 kHz, as it`s a long way from 40 to 20m, with drastic propagation differences. 10115 is zero-beat to some CW which I don`t even hear until stepped down to 10114 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 15730, May 26 at 1303, strong open carrier, but gone at 1304* recheck after trying 15230 where RHC is much weaker. Later in

day, 15730 is used both by RHC, and by VOA: more likely Greenville now with a transmitter test (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 15809.94, May 23 at 2002, big carrier with tone, or rather several carrier peaks with BFO, also: 15808.34, 15807.62, 15806.84, 15806.07, 15805.30; also 15810.72, 15811.49 --- full range of audibility is 15802-15814. Most average 0.77 kHz apart. So what is it? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 17730, May 23 at 1603, open carrier at S9 with slight fading, RHC? Scheduled here at 1100-1500, but was inaudible circa 1400. Could also be a transmitter check from VOA Greenville which is not scheduled on 17730 at any time. Meanwhile, only other significant 16mb signal at 1603 is S9+10 from 17775 KVOH (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 17749.8-USB, May 28 at 1405, very poor INTRUDERS 2-way in Spanish, think I heard a ``puta`` go by; no signal yet from 17775 KVOH (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

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UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIALS
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TO BE ACKNOWLEDGED FUTURELY:

Dear Mr. Hauser, Enclosed please find a contribution toward the continued production of World of Radio and DX Listening Digest each week.

World of Radio was one of the first programs that I remember receiving on a borrowed General Electric multi-band portable with whip antenna during one summer evening many years ago. While radio in general and shortwave in particular has changed dramatically from those days, I still enjoy searching the bands when I can.

Thank you for helping to keep shortwave radio hobby alive. Sincerely, (Robert W Gruska, Glendale NY, May 25, with a PMO to Glenn Hauser, P O Box 1684, Enid OK 73702)

One may also contribute, not necessarily in US funds, via PayPal to woradio at yahoo.com

Keep up the good work! Glen[n]: Keep up the good work you are doing. I enjoy reading your very detailed reception logs that you have obviously spent a lot of time researching and writing (Tom Jasinski, Joliet, IL, May 26) see USA: 1130 KLEY
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Thank you for your many years of service to the DXing community!
-- [tagline] "The price of apathy towards public affairs is to be ruled by evil men." - Plato (Heath Hall, Albuquerque, NM)

PUBLICATIONS
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WORLD OF RADIO HITLIST updated:

Hi Glenn, revised Hitlist update.
http://www.w4uvh.net/hitlist.htm

1) Germany - MBR: Updated link to A18 Freq sked
2) Guinea - RTG: Added new links to homepage and live stream (thx to David Kernick, Interval Signals Online, via WOR-iog)
3) Spain - REE: Update link to REE frequencies.

Next update expected mid/late July 2018
Best wishes and 73 (Alan Roe, Teddington, May 28, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

DX WORLD'S BOB COLYARD - SILENT KEY [see also PROPAGATION, DXLD 18-21]

Good, but Sad Morning, The creator and maintainer of DXWorld.com, Bob Colyard has passed away. I don't know the exact day or time, but it sounded like it was a couple of days ago. His wife posted on his Facebook Page. For those that don't know, DXWorld was one of the first Websites that hams and radio hobbyists could post their DX in real time.

I had the pleasure of posting quite a number of my personal DXing accomplishments. Most notably, my Tropo QSO with K1WHS in 2003 on 2 Meters (144 MHz) that set a N. American DX Record. Over the years, the Website became less active from hams (thanks to DXMaps, DXSummit, etc.), but had become a very popular hangout for Broadcast Band DXers, Longwave to FM and TV. Obviously, in time the fate of DXWorld will be known. 73 (Art Jackson KA5DWI/7 in Arizona, May 22, ABDX yg via DXLD)

Also remember that when that board shuts down, you'll still have a place to post real-time like you always did. That place is
http://wtfdadxbb.vci.net
our version of the tvfmskiplog which is very similar to that board, with no learning curve. The only difference is that you will have to log in with a password, which you can easily get from us, for the security the other place never had. Tell non-members about it. We may have a great deal for them (Mike Bugaj, Enfield, CT, Online since 1999 and still going at
http://mikesdx.com --- May 25, WTFDA Forum via DXLD)

CONVENTIONS & CONFERENCES
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VÌdeo Chamada:
2 MINI ENCONTRO DX DE MATO GROSSO

Dexistas e Radioescutas:
Ivanildo GonÁalves - Navegantes / SC
Daniel Wyllyans - Nova Xavantina / MT

Dia previsto: 08 Junho 2018
Local: 15 KM de Nova Xavantina MT
SÌtio Estrela do Araguaia

Fotos da cidade: R89 ProduÁıes - Rodrigo Spyer
M˙sica: Fade by Alan Walker
https://youtu.be/1YeWGwSBd50

("Daniel Wyllyans PT9008SWL", May 24, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

DW GLOBAL MEDIA FORUM, BONN, 11-13 JUNE 2018

Deutsche Welle's Global Media Forum is the only international media conference that brings together decision-makers and influencers from the worlds of journalism, digital media, politics, business, civil society and academia. The 2018 GMF offers a unique interdisciplinary approach to tackling one of the defining challenges of our time: global inequalities. The Association for International Broadcasting will be in attendance at the DW GMF. More on the DW GMF here
GLOBAL MEDIA INEQUALITIES
http://dw-global-media-forum.com/
(May AIB media industry briefing via DXLD)

2018 IRCA CONVENTION, SEPT 7-8, ST CHARLES, MO

The 2018 IRCA convention will be held at the Best Western Plus Charles Inn in St Charles MO on September 7 and 8 2018. The hotel is located at 1425 S Fifth Street in St Charles, NW of I-70 exit 229B, or the first exit west of the Missouri River, eight miles west of the Lambert St Louis International Airport. The room rate is $104.99 a night for either a standard king or two queens. The phone number to call the hotel directly to make reservations for that weekend is (636) 946-6936 or toll-free at 1-888-274-0988. When calling to make the reservation, you must mention the code IRCA to get the rate. There is a block of 30 rooms reserved at that rate for each night for your choice of a single or double bed, your choice. Reservations must be made by August 7

2018. One note, if all the rooms for this block sell out, then the meeting room at the hotel will be complementary. Registration fee is only $25 per person with free breakfast.

There will be a tentative radio tour of KCLC FM 89.1 at Lindenwood College in St Charles as well as another possible radio tour and a possible tentative radio tower visit. Banquet is out of pocket and the place will be announced at a later date, possibly soon. Your host for the convention is Ken Hawkins. You can either email him at StLouisHerdFan@gmail.com or you can call him on this cell phone at (636) 577-4295. Registration and auction items can be sent to 4034 San Fernando Ln, St Charles MO 63304-2829.

Make your plans and reservations now for the 2018 IRCA convention as this will probably be one of the best! All DXers are welcome! This yearís IRCA convention will be an excellent chance to re-connect with old friends and to share DX stories. Speaking of sharing, we issue our annual call to action for those who wish to present a talk or paper during the convention. As you know, this can be as formal or informal as you want. To make it easier, we can provide you with audio-visual support, including slide-preparation and display. If youíre interested in sharing your experiences... or if you want to present questions for discussion that might lead to a better understanding of a particular aspect of your own DXing, please contact Mark Durenberger at Mark4@durenberger.com (IRCA DX Monitor June 2, published May 29, via DXLD)

DX-PEDITIONS
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Excerpts, just a FEW, from hundreds of logs where there are some anomalies, many originally in bold, taking up 22 of the 27 pdf pages in this issue of IRCA DX Monitor --- 14 domestic, 8 pan-American, mostly Mexican. I am not aware of a website where one may read or refer to the whole report. I am not attempting to excerpt the Mexicans+, but there is a great deal more useful information to identify domestic and foreign stations ñ as of 8 months ago.

I am copying further below, ALL his TIS/HAR info, for 530, 1610 and 1710 kHz, including unIDs (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

TIM HALLíS BORDER INN DX-PEDITION (FINAL)

Loggings from the Border Inn beverage site, US 6/50 at the NV/UT border, Sept 28ñOct 2 2017. All dates/times UT

Receiver: Perseus SDR-IQ v4.1/Lenovo W540 laptop with eSSD drive (a very small drive, but also very fast and quiet).

Antennas: Beverages on ground, as follows:

1. NNE (~20) 810 ft terminated (2nd night only). Broke at 185 ft, but this probably happened the next morning when the winds kicked up. Took down this wire (and most other northern wires) due to extremely auroral conditions; combined it with antenna #10 to make antenna #9.
2. NE (~44) 1130 ft terminated (2nd and 3rd nights only).
3. NENE (~61) 1180 ft terminated (2nd and 3rd nights only).
4. EENE (~78) 1540 ft terminated (all 4 nights). Very difficult wire to set up. It crossed the highway at a long slow diagonal, requiring a whole roll of duct tape! Was hoping this one would net some good eastern clear-channel catches, but the aurora was too strong and the long skip was not coming in well from most directions. This one broke at 500 ft while I was picking it up, and I suspect the wire may have been broken (inside the insulation) all along, because this antenna picked up way too many signals off the back end.
5. EESE (~98) 1260 ft terminated (all 4 nights). Broke at 710 ft the first night (or possibly the next morning). This wire was the star of the show. It brought in great catches from Texas, Cuba and Venezuela all 4 nights.
6. SESE (~124) 1160 ft terminated (first two nights). Didn't seem to be picking up much, so I moved it to become antenna #7.
7. SE (~137) 1160 ft terminated (3rd night only).
8. ESSE (~146) 1200 ft terminated (all 4 nights). Finally pulled in a few Mexican signals when conditions improved the 4th night.
9. SSE (~154) 1490 ft unterminated (3rd night only).
10. SSE(/NNW) (~160 /340) 680 ft unterminated (1st 2 nights only). Combined with antenna #1 to make antenna #9.

This was my 7th visit to this location. I have DXed here a total of 19 nights over the last 15 years (2002-2003 and 2013-2017). This time I had 164 new catches, raising my totals from 1290 stations heard to 1454, surpassing the number of stations Iíve heard in over 41 years DXing from San Diego. Once again this yearís visit was timed to combine the end-of-September sunset/sunrise conditions with the high school football season. This was largely nullified by very poor and auroral conditions the first 3 nights (most of my northern logs came during a one-hour period on Saturday morning when the aurora subsided for a while). I still need to be more careful planning my pre-sunset and post-sunrise recordings. Once again I used an unterminated wire to aim in two directions at once (SSE and NNW), and it worked as planned, bringing in a few stations from the northwest states and even a few TP signals despite the poor conditions.

The noise problem did not return this year. The power station and/or power lines on the north side of the highway apparently were not activated this year.

As in previous years, antenna bearings are approximate. I've been using the compass on my Blackberry because it takes one's location into account, and compensates for the difference between true north and magnetic north. That's great, but unfortunately the compass itself is lousy, and gives readings that fluctuate wildly! Next year I'm bringing an "old school" navigational aid (my late father's navigational protractor) to compare each antenna direction to the direction of the highway, which I now know to be 95 degrees. 73, Tim

550, KLLV CO, Breen. 9/29 0402 ñ Hymns, female announcer "coming to you from Breen, Colorado, this is KLLV, inspirational voice of the Four Corners." This daytimer has been staying on at night for over a decade ñ maybe the all-time record for cheating? Relog.

730, KLOE KS, Goodland. 9/30 0359 ñ "News talk 7-30 KLOE Goodland, a Rockingham radio station." Listed 20w nights, but I suspect they are stuck on day rig, as they are present on almost all my recordings this year. 657 miles. Relog. [that`s Rocking M! as in a cattle brand -- gh]

750, KMMJ NE, Grand Island. 9/29 1159 ñ Country Gospel music, ID and mention of FM 104.3. +9/30 1105 ñ Religious program with Pastor Jeff Schreve as listed on station web site. Why are they on this early? They have no listed PSRA. Grand Island FCC sunrise time is 1215, and even Atlanta FCC sunrise is not until 1115. 858 miles. Relog.

840, KARS NM, BelÈn. 9/29 1101 ñ ID "KARS AM 8-40 FM 102.9." (Hadn't changed calls to KJFA yet). NOTE: this station had recently flipped to Regional Mexican and changed their slogan to "la jefa, la que manda," which is exactly the slogan that XEMY-840 used to use (they have moved to FM). Listed 30w nights. 491 miles. Relog.

860, KNAI AZ, Phoenix. 9/29 0301 ñ Over unidentified Mexican station (probably XEZOL) with ID "KNAI 8-60 AM, K270CZ-101.9 FM Phoenix, la campesina." As Glenn Hauser noted earlier this year [hearn on FM], in some IDs the word "campesina" seems to get truncated to "campena" or something very similar. It actually sounds like a glitch in the recording, but it's hard to imagine they would leave it that way for so long. This station is still a pretty big pest after the format change from the pseudo-Gospel music they used to air. Relog.

950, KDCE NM, EspaÒola. 9/30 0125 ñ High school football EspaÒola Valley Sundevils @ Aztec Tigers, sponsored by Aspen Medical Center. The opposing team's coverage (on KRWN-92.5 "real classic rock" Aztec NM) was being picked up by the KDCE broadcast team's microphone, leading to some momentary confusion.

+9/30 0358 ñ "Your first and only choice for New Mexico music, KDCE."

Mentioned 100.7 FM. Still uses "Radio Que Dice" slogan. Listed 80w nights, but suspiciously strong on almost every wire. Maybe stuck on day rig? 485 miles. Relog.

1040, KCBR CO, Monument. 9/29 1146 ñ Colorado Springs ads, "blazin' 98.5" slogans. Listed as a 15000w daytimer with no PSRA. What are they doing on at this hour? Maybe they sign on at Des Moines LSR (1145 in September)? Relog.

1090, KSOU IA, Sioux Center. 9/29 1146 ñ Mixing with KMXA and KVOP. Ad for Rock Valley Rent-All 476-9920, followed by weather forecast. Female weather reporter advised listeners to tune to siouxountyradio.com for updates. Listed as 500w directional daytimer with no PSRA; what are they doing on at this hour? 968 miles. New.

1190, KNUV AZ, Tolleson. 9/29 0458 ñ "Est·s escuchando Grupo FÛrmula." Mixing with XEPZ and XECT. This station and KNRV-1150 both air the Mexican Radio FÛrmula feed, which can include the Mexican national anthem at 6am and Midnight Mexico City time, often followed by the Estilo de Vida program which uses the second (better-known) theme song from "I Dream of Jeannie." Relog.

1250, KHIL AZ, Willcox. 9/29 0502 ñ "KHIL 98.1 FM and 12-50 AM." Still running old country and western music. Same strong signal as last year. Stuck on day rig, or can I simply not aim my southern antennas far enough away from them? 525 miles. Relog.

1270, KSCB KS, Liberal. 9/30 0358 ñ Oklahoma Friday Night Sportz Blitz program, ID. Note that KSCB carries the Oklahoma football wrap-up show but KRXO, which is in Oklahoma, does not. Listed 25w night power. 727 miles. Relog.

1310, KFKA CO, Greeley. 9/30 0359 ñ "News, talk and sports for northern Colorado" into high school football recap. Strong (too strong) on every wire this year. They were surely on day rig the entire weekend. Relog.

1470, KSMM KS, Liberal. 9/30 0358 ñ Rock oldies, "From America to ZZ Top, the best music lives here, Southwest Kansas' super hits." Sometimes IDs as KAHE-FM Dodge City, and sometimes mentions "20,000 watts" which must refer to the FM as well. Listed 176w nights, but these guys are all over my recordings this year, and had never been heard before, despite having a wire aimed at Kansas almost every year. Surely stuck on day rig. 728 miles. New.

1500, KPGM OK, Pawhuska. 9/30 0103 ñ Faded up under KSJX with ad for a dentist in the 918 area code, then a very clear full-minute ad for the Pawhuska Hospital. This was presumably the halftime break for high

school football (Tonkawa Buccaneers @ Pawhuska Huskies). Listed as a 500w daytimer. Should have signed off at 0030. 983 miles. New.

1500, KMXO TX, Merkel. 9/29 1100 ñ Faded up right after XEDF's anthem and KSJX's English ID, with male announcer giving ID in English and Spanish: "K-MX-O, Merkel," followed by a slogan. Calls given very slowly each time. Listed as a 250 w daytimer with no PSRA. What are they doing on at this hour? 907 miles. New.

1550, KXEX CA, Fresno. 9/30 0159 ñ Usual Spanish Catholic programming, "la misionera" slogan. They give an almost-legal ID on the hour (not quite legal because it is given only in Spanish). This station was surely still stuck on day rig. They were a major pest on almost every wire again this year. Pattern book shows their day pattern is aimed right at the Border Inn, whereas their night pattern should throw almost nothing this way. Relog.

1660 KQWB ND, West Fargo. 9/30 0359 ñ Ad for Chevy/Hyundai dealer in Fargo, Fox Sports. +10/2 1228 ñ Good signal on top of channel with replay of NDSU Bison college football game. At this hour, KRZI and KWOD should be on 10 kW day power, and KQWB should still be on 1 kW night power, but KQWB had a huge signal on an antenna aimed at Texas! Methinks they must be switching to day power early, or running more than 1kW all night. 1033 miles. Relog.

TIS/HAR STATIONS

ALL 530:

WPWA752 UT, Antelope Island State Park. 9/30 0117 ñ Tape loop with male voice. Relog.

UnID UnID. 9/30 1144 ñ Weak TIS or HAR station noted on EENE wire. Male announcer mentioned Colorado and Utah. This might have been the big weather station near Fort Collins CO which has been logged here before.

UnID UnID. 10/1 1137 ñ Weak TIS or HAR station noted on NE wire with male tape loop. Possible call ID at 1139:30 was covered by a burst of static right after the first "W". At the end of my recording he seemed to say "working on the road... Spector(?) Valley... mile from Aspen" and a second station started to fade up with a man saying "___ miles per hour." I'm not aware of a station on 530 kHz near Aspen, CO.

UnID UnID. 10/1 1245 ñ Weak HAR station on SSE wire: "You're listening to the Nevada Department of Transportation... on AM 5-30... (for road conditions) call 511..." This was probably the station in Ely but there are several others that can run this same message. Whatever this

was, it was a new catch.

UnID UnID. 10/1 1130 ñ Weak TIS on NENE (Wyoming/South Dakota/Iowa) wire under presumed Enciclopedia's soft music. "... get your ticket and proceed ____. Biking (hiking?) up the rail (trail? rim?) is...."

UnID UnID. 10/2 1159 ñ Just barely audible. "This is the Colorado Department of Transportation highway advisory radio." Whatever this was, it was seemingly new. The only Colorado station I've previously heard on 530 is the big weather station near Ft Collins. Oddly, this was coming in on the ESSE (Central Mexican) wire. This happens sometimes on channels with no dominant station.

ALL 1610:

KOC734 AZ, Painted Desert. 10/1 1137 ñ Nice surprise with male announcer "welcome to the Petrified Forest." New.

WXK790 AZ, Phoenix. 10/2 1100 ñ "Welcome to Sky Harbor Airport..." Relog.

HAR CO, Unknown location. 9/30 0305 ñ Male voice: "This is the Colorado Department of Transportation..." Fighting through presumed CHHA on NE wire. Whatever this was, it was a new catch. (FCC TIS search only shows one CO DoT station on 1610, in Lamar). Also heard a female voice giving some kind of road information, seemingly a second station.

WPPZ664 CO, Loveland. 9/30 0322 ñ Fairly steady signal under presumed CHHA and Wyoming DoT stations with tape loop by male announcer. Mentioned the City of Loveland and made several references to the Loveland City Infoline 962-2020. Approximately 480 miles. New.

KOP796 MT, Grant-Kohrs Ranch NHS (Deer Lodge). 10/1 1138 ñ Another nice surprise with male announcer "Welcome to Grant-Kohrs Ranch... Prison..." (This TIS also covers the Montana Prison Museum in Deer Lodge, and gets out well). New.

WQCT745 TX, El Paso (area). 9/29 0505 ñ Faded up with female announcer giving information for travelers on US 54. There are a large number of these stations spread all over the El Paso area. Relog.

KOP795 UT, Arches NP. 9/30 0358 ñ Fairly long tape loop including segments read by a man and a woman. Audible on many of my wires again this year. Relog.

WPTC509 WY, Rawlins. 9/30 0305 ñ "You're listing to the Carbon County Visitors' Council weather, ____ and highway advisory radio, WPTC509,

broadcasting on 1610 kHz..." Relog.

UnID UnID. 9/30 0041 ñ On the NNE wire, sounded like a Wyoming DoT HAR (2 ascending telephone notes before and after automated time check by female voice, then automated male voice with road conditions). "There are no reported diversions in the Columbia(?)-Mantheson(?) area. Please buckle up and drive safely." Manderson WY sounds like "Manthenson" but there does not appear to be any nearby town that sounds like "Columbia."

UnID UnID. 9/30 0239 ñ TIS on NNE (Idaho/Montana) wire. The main thing I could pick out was some very unusual sound effects, including a horse neighing, jungle sounds, and a siren. Does anyone from Idaho, Montana or other nearby states recognize this?

UnID UnID. 9/30 0240 ñ Station relaying NOAA weather on NNE (Idaho/Montana) wire. I suspect this is the station near Great Falls MT, but I could not hear the city names in the weather forecast.

UnID UnID. 9/30 0248 ñ TIS on NENE (Colorado-Wyoming-South Dakota) wire, faded up briefly with female announcer "walking tours along the shore of (Old Summit?) Lake...."

UnID UnID. 9/30 0310 ñ TIS with make announcer on NNE (Idaho/Montana) wire. It sounded like he was saying something like "welcome to State Pots Park." Some national parks in the US and Canada have "Paint Pots" (pots of boiling mud with varying colors caused by different kinds of algae) but I don't know of any TIS stations still active at such locations. [Yellowstone? gh]

UnID UnID. 10/1 1138 ñ During a very nice but very brief TIS DX opening, a 3rd station appeared on the NE wire with female voice talking about the Wanderland (Wonderland?) Hotel, and possibly "the park." (The name of the hotel was quite clear. The phrase about the park may have been a different female announcer on yet another UnID station). The only thing I can find that would make sense is the Yellowstone NP TIS at Gardiner MT where there is a Wonderland Lodge. Grant-Kohrs Lodge in MT was just logged a minute earlier so it seems plausible. One or two Wyoming DoT HAR stations were trying to come in too (I could only make out the telltale telephone tones).

One more, on 1710:

TIS NM, White Rock. 9/30 0319 ñ Male announcer mentioning "historic Bandelier National Monument." Confirmed the existence of this new station on the Monument's Facebook page. Haven't heard any call letters, but the announcer appears to say "this is WRSV" at one point in one of my recordings. About 484 miles. New.

(Tim Hall, IRCA DX Monitor June 2, published May 29, via DXLD)

DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DRM See USA: WRMI; WINB
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DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DAB See UK
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RADIO EQUIPMENT FORUM
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RON HOWARD, OCEAN BEACH

Picture of my "radio shack" at Ocean Beach, San Francisco - http://goo.gl/hwp5kw
I string my antenna out along the metal posts, there to protect the plants (Ron Howard, WOR iog via DXLD)

DIY COIL WINDING MACHINE

These 'hipster' 'makers' are an interesting bunch. I'm not wild about the 'trendy' aspects, but I DO have to admit some of the stuff I see them doing is pretty darn cool! Case in point: MARE Lorraine Kulbacka sent along a web 'instructable' and video of a cardboard coil winder. Wood or even a 3D printer to make the thing might be better, but for a 'one off' to make ONE coil, for whatever purpose, this will work well I'm sure! See:
http://www.instructables.com/id/DIY-Coil-Winding-Machine/
(Kenneth Vito Zichi, ed., MARE Tipsheet May 25 via DXLD)

XHDATA D-808 PORTABLE -- TECH REPORT

The XHDATA D-808 portable is an FM-AM-SW-SSB-AIR band model which has already been the subject of many excellent reviews. Until recently the model was not marketed to North American purchasers, but recently a couple of Chinese sellers have started soliciting North American buyers via eBay listings.

My own interest in the model was in comparing its AM Band performance to that of the best performing Ultralight radios -- specifically the CC Skywave and Skywave SSB models. Although the D-808 is slightly larger than the 20 cubic inch limit for Ultralight radios, its size and weight make it very convenient to take along as a "travel portable," specifically as an SSB-enhanced model capable of checking transoceanic station carrier strength on exotic ocean beaches. The Skywave SSB model can also do that -- but at a $169.99 list price, compared to the $112.86 (plus $10 shipping) cost of the D-808. In

addition, none of the published D-808 reviews seemed to have any information about internal components like the loopstick, or Si4735 DSP chip.

My first test was to compare the stock Skywave SSB model with the D-808 in fringe AM station reception. The Skywave SSB model has a reputation of being one of the most sensitive Ultralight radios, but the D-808 clearly outperformed it on both low band fringe station (550-KARI) and high band fringe station (1700-City of Auburn TIS) reception. The D-808 couldn't quite hang with a 7.5" loopstick Skywave model, but that only made me curious about how the same modification could enhance the D-808. So... it was time to disassemble the D-808, and find out why its loopstick was such a superior performer.

The D-808 loopstick --- detailed photo posted at https://dreamcrafts.box.com/s/5of2gxtrgcbflyd8wr7u8fm9bqsewity is 3.7/8" (98mm) long, while that of the CC Skywave SSB model (pictured above the D-808 cabinet, in the photo) is only 2 3/4" (70mm) long. Other reviewers have noted the excellent performance of the D-808 on the AM band, and this is probably one of the main reasons. The SSB mode operates very similar to that of the Skywave SSB in providing a quick check of carrier strength on weak AM band targets -- the LSB mode can be set to +55, and the radio tuned to different frequencies to check fringe station carrier strength. This can provide a real-time check of propagation changes during time-limited propagation openings for live ocean beach DXing with Ultralight radios or other portables (or with the D-808 itself, if desired).

The Si4735 DSP chip --- detailed photo at https://dreamcrafts.box.com/s/8lt1mz467vq8c76oh9rphpfwnypofmmf has markings of "3560, DCUL, .738" and provides a wide range of AM bandwidth choices for the Medium Wave DXer (6K, 4K, 3K, 2.5K, 2K, 1.8K and 1K). These perform very well, and as with the other DSP-enhanced portables, the narrowest bandwidth (1K) provides the most sensitive AM band reception.

Those considering a purchase of the D-808 should be advised that its type 18650 Li-ion 3.7v battery is not commonly available at most stores, and that Postal regulations supposedly forbid shipping these batteries through the mail. One of the eBay sellers (harelan ecommerce) did manage to ship me two of the standard XHDATA type 18650 batteries through the mail (along with two new D-808 models) but if your seller won't do this, you can still purchase the batteries on eBay. Some of the 18650 batteries sold on eBay have a flat positive terminal which won't contact the D-808 cabinet's positive battery connector terminal, but in such a case you can simply insert a #8 lockwasher in between the two, and the arrangement will be very secure. From that point on you can simply recharge the battery with a

USB terminal connector.

For those interested, a high resolution front panel photo of the new XHDATA D-808 model has been uploaded to
https://dreamcrafts.box.com/s/82se0nphymzayz1vw4fk8vnkia11xedm
The new portable does have Longwave coverage from 150-450 kHz, although with the MW-oriented loopstick you may need to be next door to an NDB to benefit from it. There is a very effective 7.5" Longwave loopstick that was developed for the Tecsun PL-380 model that should work great in the D-808, though, with the related technical article posted at
http://www.mediafire.com/file/845snah2h4ek9z9/7.5inLWLS.doc/file
With the enhanced Longwave loopstick, SSB capability and multiple DSP filtering options, the model could well become the traveling portable of choice for NDB-DXers (Gary DeBock (in Puyallup, WA, USA), May 28, NRC gg via DXLD)

XHDATA D-808 Disassembly -- Digital and RF Boards

For those interested, a detailed internal photo of the D-808's Digital and RF circuit boards is posted at
https://dreamcrafts.box.com/s/3bk6dbw08one235bcie8e6elx65360rc

In construction very similar to that of the CC Skywave, the D-808 separates into two main circuit boards, connected together by a plug-in ribbon cable. One strange quirk is that the Si4735 DSP chip is located on the RF board (close to the center right edge). The Si4735 DSP chip is also used in the Eton Traveler III Ultralight radio, and although that model lacks the multiple DSP filter selections of the D-808, is has been the subject of highly successful 7.5" loopstick transplant modifications-- proving that such enhanced Medium Wave and Longwave loopsticks will perform very well in the new, Si4735 chip-powered D-808.

Disassembly of the D-808 model is fairly straightforward in comparison to the CC Skywave models, and the technician doesn't need to memorize a detailed reassembly protocol in order to perform a routine loopstick transplant operation. Neither C.Crane nor XHDATA are likely to show any sympathy to someone botching up an antenna transplant, so you need to be confident that that your skills are superior to those of the company technicians before taking the plunge. In the CC Skywave and CC Skywave SSB models various parts fit together like a puzzle, but the D-808 isn't like that. It should prove to be a fairly popular model for enhanced MW and LW loopsticks (Gary DeBock (in Puyallup, WA, USA) May 29, nrc gg via DXLD)

A LOOP ON THE GROUND??

If you're like a lot of folks who live in urban areas, you don't have a whole lot of space to put up antennas. Ditto to those folks who live in communities with HOA nazis that scream any time you put something outside.

For SWLs and hams, loops are a good answer - but what if you could hide your loop by putting it near to the ground? This topic is being researched and tested by a couple of folks on the popular RadioReference website, where we have a forum dedicated to receive only antennas. The topic being discussed is a LoG - Loop on the ground. You can view the discussion here:

https://forums.radioreference.com/receive-antennas-below-30mhz/370110-160-20m-log-loop-ground.html

It's a bit technical and most of the testing is being done in the ham bands, but I think you'll see the value of this. You could possibly use this with a portable, or with a radio like the Sat 750, where the lower gain would actually be beneficial.

Feel free to join in the discussion. We could use some NASWAns to do some SWBC testing with this antenna. Joining RadioReference is free (you only need to pay up if you use their databases for programming) . (Mike Agner KA3JJZ, HF moderator, RadioReference, May 28, NASWA yg via DXLD)

PROPAGATION
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:Product: Weekly Highlights and Forecasts
:Issued: 2018 May 28 0238 UTC
Prepared by the US Dept. of Commerce, NOAA, Space Weather Prediction Center
Product description and SWPC contact on the Web
http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/weekly.html
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Weekly Highlights and Forecasts
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Highlights of Solar and Geomagnetic Activity 21 - 27 May 2018

Solar activity reached low levels during the period due to an isolated C-class event, a C2 flare from Region 2712 (N13, L=172, class/area Csp/80 on 24 May). No Earth-directed CMEs were observed.

No proton events were observed at geosynchronous orbit.

The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit reached moderate levels on 21-27 May.

Geomagnetic field activity was quiet to unsettled on 23 May due to influence from a positive polarity, coronal hole high-speed stream (CH HSS). Quiet conditions were observed throughout the remainder of the period.

FORECAST OF SOLAR AND GEOMAGNETIC ACTIVITY 28 MAY - 23 JUNE 2018

Solar activity is expected to be very low throughout the period, with a slight chance for isolated C-class events on 28 May - 04 Jun and 10-23 Jun, due to flare potential from Regions 2711 (N06, L=288, class/area Cai/60 on 24 May) and 2712.

No proton events are expected at geosynchronous orbit.

The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit is expected to reach very high levels on 05-07 Jun with high levels expected on 02-04 Jun and 08-13 Jun. Moderate flux levels are expected for the remainder of the period.

Geomagnetic field activity is expected to reach G1 (Minor) geomagnetic storm levels on 02 Jun with active levels on 01, and 03-04 Jun due to the influence of a recurrent, negative polarity CH HSS. Unsettled levels are expected on 28-29 May and 05-06, 13, 19 Jun. Quiet conditions are expected during the remainder of the outlook period.

:Product: 27-day Space Weather Outlook Table 27DO.txt
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27-day Space Weather Outlook Table
Issued 2018-05-28
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# UTC Date	Radio Flux 10.7 cm	Planetary A Index	Largest Kp Index
2018 May 28	73	8	3
2018 May 29	72	8	3
2018 May 30	72	5	2
2018 May 31	72	5	2
2018 Jun 01	72	15	4
2018 Jun 02	72	28	5
2018 Jun 03	72	15	4
2018 Jun 04	70	12	4
2018 Jun 05	70	10	3

2018 Jun 06	70	8	3
2018 Jun 07	70	5	2
2018 Jun 08	70	5	2
2018 Jun 09	70	5	2
2018 Jun 10	72	5	2
2018 Jun 11	72	5	2
2018 Jun 12	72	5	2
2018 Jun 13	72	8	3
2018 Jun 14	72	5	2
2018 Jun 15	70	5	2
2018 Jun 16	70	5	2
2018 Jun 17	70	5	2
2018 Jun 18	72	5	2
2018 Jun 19	72	8	3
2018 Jun 20	72	5	2
2018 Jun 21	72	5	2
2018 Jun 22	72	5	2
2018 Jun 23	72	5	2

(SWPC via WORLD OF RADIO 1932, DXLD) ####